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Netanyahu praises Palestinian vote

PNC members vote unanimously in Gaza yesterday to annul articles of the Palestinian Covenant calling for Israel's destruction. (AP)

Three-way summit set for this morning

By DANNA HARMAN

The Palestinians stood and voted overwhelmingly, President Bill Clinton made an impassioned plea for peace, and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu deemed the process satisfactory. The redeployment, however, is still on hold.

"I certainly would like to praise what went on in Gaza today," Netanyahu told a press conference following yesterday's Palestinian National Council vote to nullify sections of the Palestinian Covenant calling for Israel's destruction. "And first and foremost I would like to give credit to the people of Israel, who gave my government and myself the authority and support to stand up for this move."

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A summit meeting is scheduled to take place at the Erez checkpoint this morning, at which time Netanyahu says he plans to make his position regarding the next withdrawal clear. The Palestinians, he will say, still have much to prove before Israel will be able to carry out its part of the agreement.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, at a late night briefing, said the US is still hopeful the redeployment will take place on schedule.

The next withdrawal, from 5 percent of the West Bank, was scheduled to take place this Friday. However, the cabinet is to meet only on Sunday to evaluate the Palestinian Authority's fulfillment of its commitments, and then decide whether or not to move forward with the redeployment.

While Netanyahu said that "politics simply are not on my mind," a senior official stated the obvious, claiming that "with the no-confidence vote scheduled for Monday, taking such a decision about redeployment the day before would be committing political suicide."

The government stresses, however, that no-confidence vote or not, it is clear the Palestinians will not be able to live up to their commitments by Sunday's meeting, so that effectively the next withdrawal is indefinitely postponed.

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US spin doctors arrive to help Barak

By SARAH HONIG

The three American campaign specialists who helped Bill Clinton win the US presidency will be arriving this morning to try to win the premiership for Labor's Ehud Barak.

Campaign strategist James Carville, pollster Stanley Greenberg, and media consultant Robert Schrum take credit for having helped make Clinton the "comeback kid" and also for the successful, more recent campaigns of Britain's Tony Blair and Germany's Gerhard Schroeder.

The Americans will be staying for only a few days, most of which will be spent listening to their Labor Party clients and trying to learn as much as they can about the local political scene, of which they admit to knowing very little.

Their first exposure to Israeli politics will take place early this afternoon at the Knesset, where they will confer with the Labor faction.

At a later stage, they plan to conduct seminars for Labor campaign operatives.

US stocks rocked by risk of Clinton impeachment

NEW YORK (Reuters) – Stocks fell for the fourth session in a row yesterday, with the Nasdaq market hammered down more than 3 percent, as Wall Street was rocked by worries that President Bill Clinton may be impeached.

Dow Jones industrial average was off 126.16 points, or 1.43%, at 8,695.60.

In the broader market, declining issues swamped advances 22 to 7 on active volume of 697 million shares.

The Nasdaq composite index plunged 62.59 points, or 3.08%, to 1,966.72.

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NEWS
in brief

Karni Industrial Zone officially opened

Israeli, Palestinian and US leaders yesterday declared the Karni Industrial Zone open, emphasizing their hope that it will alleviate Gaza's unemployment and draw international investors.

The opening culminates a three-year effort that the US helped push through.

US Secretary of Commerce William Daley announced that Coca-Cola would be the first American company to open operations in the zone. *Hillel Kuttler*

5 Israeli Arabs arrested for arming Hamas

Five Israeli Arabs have been arrested by security forces on suspicion of providing arms to Hamas, Army Radio reported yesterday. The radio said four are residents of Umm el-Fahm and the fifth from Kfar Ara in the Wadi Ara area. There was no confirmation from security sources. *Itim*

Beersheba merchant reported kidnapped

The family of Ya'acov Yona, a fruit-and-vegetable merchant from Beersheba who was reported missing by his wife in the Tira area on Sunday, yesterday said he had been kidnapped by Palestinians. The family said they had information that three Palestinians from Gaza had kidnapped Yona and stolen his car and money, Israel Radio reported. There was no comment from police, who said they were searching for Yona after a man with an Arab accent had answered his mobile phone. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Germany decorates Maj.-Gen. Malka

Germany has awarded the Presidential Supreme Medal of Honor to OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Amos Malka for his role in developing ties between the IDF and the while serving as OC Ground Forces Command. The decoration was personally presented to him last night by Bundeswehr Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Helmut Willmann who came here especially for the occasion. Willmann had been Malka's guest last May, when he led an historic trip of German officer cadets to participate in the first exchange program between the two countries' armed forces. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Security a top priority in Gaza

By HILLEL KUTTLER

GAZA CITY– At 8:45 a.m. yesterday, sirens blared, lights flashed, and the American convey sped from the Israeli side of Erez toward Palestinian territory. There were Cadillac Fleetwood limousines and black Chevrolet vans with Washington DC license plates. Palestinian policemen quickly waved them through.

President Bill Clinton's arrival was still hours away – and he was coming by helicopter – but even empty, the cars represented the first presidential presence in the Gaza Strip.

At the Rashad Shawaa Cultural Center in Gaza City five hours later, security remained a top priority, if in a relaxed way.

The streets bounding the center, where Clinton was to address the Palestinian National Council, were closed to traffic. On Amra Mukhtar Street, Palestinian Authority policemen stood at 30 meter intervals.

They were comfortably arrayed, one squatting, and another leaning back with arms spread on a wall banner that proclaimed: "Long Live US-Palestinian Friendship." Another had his armed wrapped around a light standard, obviously bored. But it was hardly a hermetic seal, as journalists and anyone with an official badge freely strolled right up to the building's entrance.

Snipers lined the center's roof and those of all buildings on the street. One looked through the "welcome" that was strung above the entrance in lights. Another pranced along the roof of a six-story building on Shaul Street whose facade featured a three-story banner depicting Clinton and Arafat, each with one hand aloft. The words beneath them read "Welcome. We Have a Dream. Free Palestine."

Flags and slogans flew everywhere in Gaza, from Gaza City to the outskirts of the Jabalya refugee camp to the Tarazi Petroleum station near the Karni industrial zone.

The slogans were finely done, all in English, with the occasional misspelling. The sheets on which they appeared were as white as snow, the block lettering clear and perfectly centered. These were hardly of the type toiled over by giddy residents; their look was too professional.

As was the rhetoric. Some samples: "Welcome President Clinton to Palestine, the Land of Love and Peace., "Arafat is the Hero War and Peace", "Yes for the Peace of Brave People"

The PA also assured its less fortunate brethren of exposure to the horde of journalists on the historic day, with one banner promising there would be "no peace, no security" without a solution to the refugee problem.

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Ladies' Day

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton (left) and PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's wife, Suha, visit the Beach refugee camp in Gaza yesterday. (AP)

Tough questions for Jabalya residents

By BEN LYNFIELD

Some of the Palestinians whose intifada helped set in motion the peace process were wondering aloud yesterday whether their sacrifices – and those of their generation – were worth it.

In Jabalya refugee camp, where the intifada started on December 8, 1997, you could hardly sense that President Bill Clinton was paying a historic visit to the Palestinian state-in-the making.

Nearby in the Beach refugee camp, the scene was more festive as hundreds of children, many of them barefoot, lined the road and waved American flags.

Posters put up by the PA in other parts of the strip said: "Yasser Arafat – the hero of war and peace."

In the Palestinian Authority's historiography, it was the intifada that paved the way for PA leader Yasser Arafat to make the "peace of the brave" with Israel, namely the Oslo process that Clinton is currently seeking to reinforce.

Whether that peace has bettered or worsened the plight of Palestinians and whether the PA has brought closer or made more remote the fulfillment of their national aspirations is still debatable in Jabalya – but not openly so.

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Covenant vote puts Natorei Karta leader on the spot

By BEN LYNFIELD

While the top leaders of mainstream Palestinian nationalism yesterday affirmed their break with calls for Israel's destruction, there remained a lone voice among them crying out for its obliteration.

It was that of Rabbi Moshe Hirsch, the Natorei Karta leader and virulent anti-Zionist who since the Oslo Accords has gradually found himself outside the PLO consensus symbolized by his friend, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

"If they asked me, I would have told them to vote Zionism into the sea," said Hirsch.

Natorei Karta views Israel's existence – regardless of size – as a sacrilege on the grounds that the Jewish state can only be restored with the coming of the messiah.

Wearing his *streimel* into the auditorium where Arafat and President Bill Clinton were about to give historic speeches, Hirsch took pains to show reporters that he is still an important figure for the PA.

Not only had he been invited to the meeting, but a chauffeur was sent to the Erez crossing to make sure he got there safely, he said.

"I am a member of the Palestinian government; I am the minister for Jewish affairs," he added. This, despite the fact that he does not appear on lists as an official member of the cabinet, does not appear in group photographs of the cabinet, and does not vote in its meetings.

Wearing a mischievous smile, Hirsch took pains to clarify that his solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is not as radical as it might initially sound. It does not entail, he said, the throwing of Israelis into the sea.

"I am against throwing people and mammals into the sea," he said. "I am talking about Zionism and rebellious mentalities that should be thrown into the sea."

Clinton hails PNC's support for revoking covenant

By HILLEL KUTTLER

GAZA CITY – By a show of hands but not a formal vote, the Palestinian National Council yesterday formally supported Palestinian Authority Yasser Arafat's changes to the PLO covenant.

President Bill Clinton, climaxing his historic visit to Gaza, hailed the move as a "good thing" that will impress Israelis.

As a result, Clinton said he would request that Congress provide "several hundred million dollars" to the Palestinians.

At Arafat's prompting, the attendees waved their hands and then rose in support for the PLO's recent decisions on the covenant.

Arafat said that for the Palestinians to make peace, they must receive all the territories, "including holy Jerusalem," a resolution to the refugee problem and removal of settlements.

He charged Israel with making a "direct attack" on Palestinians' confidence in the peace process by its "settlement" of Jerusalem and the territories.

"I thank you for your rejection – fully, finally and forever – of the passages in the Palestinian charter calling for the destruction of Israel," Clinton told the delegates in the Rashad Shawaa Cultural Center.

"By revoking them once and for all, you have sent a powerful message not to the government, but the people, of Israel. You will touch people on the street there. You will reach their hearts. I know how profoundly important this is to the Israelis.

"By turning this page on the past, you are taking the lead in writing a new story for the future. And you have issued a challenge to the government of Israel to walk down that path with you. I thank you for doing that."

Clinton placed the PNC decision squarely in the context of the peace process, saying that "declaring a change of heart still won't be enough," because "real differences" remain.

"The time has come to sanctify your holy ground with genuine forgiveness and reconciliation," Clinton said. He called on influential Palestinians to cease "glorifying" suicide bombers or preaching peace and violence simultaneously.

"Let me say as clearly as I can: no matter how sharp a grievance, or how deep a hurt, there is no justification for killing innocents," Clinton said.

Clinton's speech combined eloquence about the parties' fears and sufferings with bluntness on their shortcomings in the peace process.

He also incurred Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's criticism when he related his "two profoundly emotional experiences" in meeting earlier in the day with four Palestinian children whose fathers are jailed in Israel, and with Israeli children the night before whose fathers were killed in the conflict with the Palestinians.

"We must acknowledge that neither side has a monopoly on pain or virtue," Clinton said.

Asked at a news conference last night whether Clinton was equating the two, Netanyahu initially played down the remarks but later said he would make his views known to Clinton at their next meeting.

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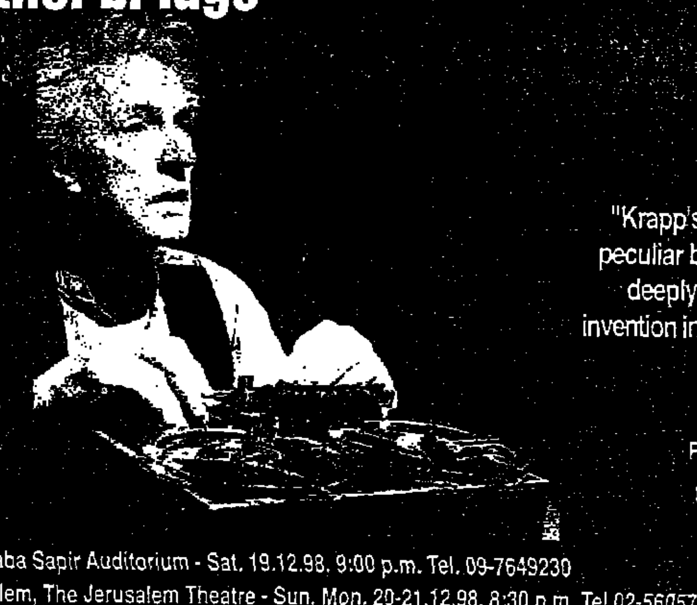

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THE CLINTON VISIT

Bethlehem awaits Clinton's arrival

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The little town of Bethlehem won't seem so small this afternoon, when President Bill Clinton comes to visit the Church of the Nativity on the final day of his Mideast tour.

There were banners, streamers and flags everywhere yesterday, as one would expect, but there were also political signs of every size posted in store windows and hung across the streets the presidential motorcade will navigate.

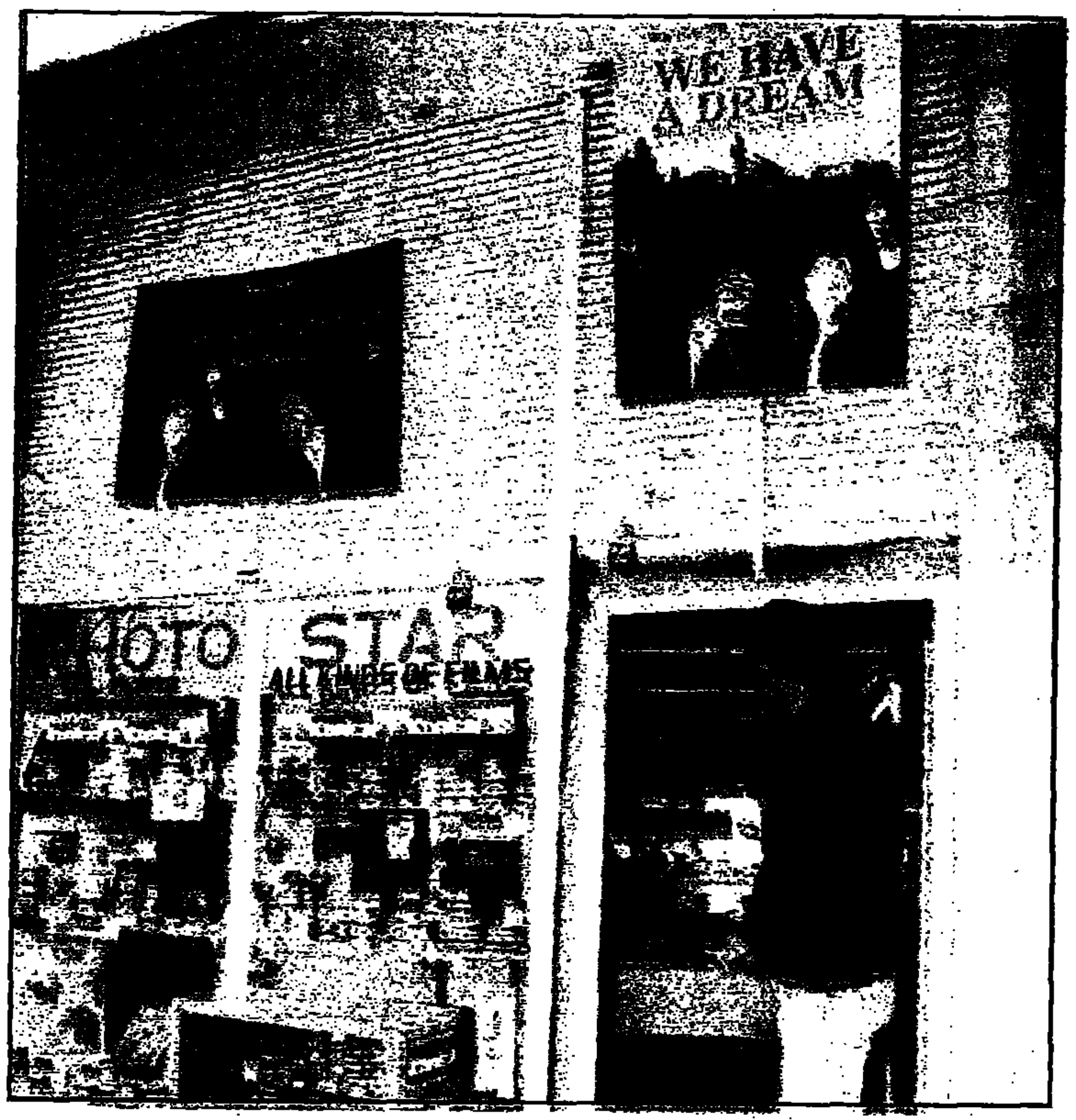
"We Have a Dream Same as Yours," "Settlements Kill Peace," "Release Our Fathers from Israeli Jails," "We Want Real Peace That Guarantees Freedom for All Palestinian Prisoners" and "Isn't 25 Years of Imprisonment Enough? I Was Born While My Father Was Imprisoned. Please, Release My Father" were some of the hand-painted signs strewn up about town.

There were also printed signs juxtaposing Clinton with his arm raised giving the thumbs-up sign, and Palestinian Chairman Yasser Arafat holding aloft his hand in a "V" salute.

Around Manger Square, workmen continued laying large blocks of polished white stone as part of a Swedish-sponsored rehabilitation project begun in August to completely make over the square.

Storekeepers were told not to open shop from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m., which has a few of them angry.

"Why do we need to keep closed for his security?" said one 61-year-old shop owner, who refused to give his name. "If he's scared, he shouldn't come. Let him stay home. His visit doesn't mean a thing to me. The peace process? It makes me laugh."



Stores in Bethlehem display political posters in anticipation of today's visit by US President Bill Clinton. (Kevin Unger)

Mordechai welcomes PNC decision

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN, BATSHEVA TSUR, and LIAT COLLINS

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai welcomed yesterday's Palestinian approval of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's letter to President Bill Clinton nullifying articles of the Palestinian Covenant hostile to Israel.

Mordechai said in a statement that the "clear support" by members of the PNC and representatives of other Palestinian institutions regarding the cancellation of those sections was an "important step" in carrying out their fundamental obligations under the Wye Memorandum.

Mordechai added that Israel now expects the Palestinians to uphold the rest of their obligations – security and others – in order to progress toward the future with hope.

President Ezer Weizman said yesterday evening he welcomes the PNC's vote and congratulates Clinton and Arafat on their speeches. Weizman also thanked Clinton for taking time off, during such a trying period, in order to push the peace process forward. He said he feels sure that December 14 will go down in history.

As the Palestinian delegates raised their hands to vote in Gaza City, opposition MKs gathered around the television set in the Knesset canteen applauded. Labor's Yael Dayan shook the hand of former party leader Shimon Peres and Labor MK Sallah Tarif called out: "Now Bibi has run out of excuses."

Taleb a-Sanaa (Democratic Arab Party) described the decision as "better than the Balfour Declaration, because that took place in London and this was on Palestinian soil."

Peres, who watched the live broadcast from a center seat close to the screen, occasionally smiling and shaking his head in agreement, said the main significance of the vote was Clinton's presence.

"There is nothing else new other than that. Arafat repeated the letter he wrote me in 1996. There is no difference. What we have here is an incredible achievement for the Palestinians. Gaza is 7,000 years old and this is the first time a US president has visited there... Who will remember that they reaffirmed the letter? But that the US president went to the center of the Palestinian Autonomy in Gaza, *that* people will remember."

MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher), chairman of the Land of Israel Front, described the vote as a "farce and charade." He said the convention consisted of "everybody but the PNC" and said the only way to abolish the covenant is according to its Article 33, requiring a special meeting with a two-thirds majority.

"No child in the Palestinian autonomy has bought this as the cancellation of the covenant. [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu hopes that some Israelis will buy it. What happened is that Clinton gave his support to a group of Israel haters whose constitution obliges the destruction of the State of Israel," Kleiner said.

Both Kleiner and the National Religious Party's Nissan Slomiansky said that Netanyahu's support for the move would cause them to vote in favor of early elections on Monday. Slomiansky said that, apart from the Covenant, there are other violations which have not been rectified, such as the unilateral declaration of a state and the prisoner question.

Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi said, "The willingness by the prime minister to recognize the circus in Gaza as sufficient to abolish the covenant shows he is finally bankrupt and has lost his way."

Ze'evi said the form the vote took was "an insult to democratic institutions."

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, on the other hand, said, "The Palestinian Covenant, which died more than two years ago, has now been buried and done with. Now only Netanyahu, with his tricks and acrobatics, can bring it back to life. And only the NRP, in its blindness and rejectionism, can carry out resuscitation on it. For the settlers and other extreme nationalists it's a difficult day. They have forever lost the Palestinian Covenant as an [instrument] with which to undermine the bitter history of the two peoples."

Change in covenant marks change in PLO

NEWSLINE

With Dr. Menachem Klein

Dr. Menachem Klein is a member of Bar-Ilan University's political science department.

Q: Are the clauses in the Palestinian covenant calling for the destruction of Israel still relevant after being effectively nullified even prior to yesterday's PNC meeting?

A: The changes in the Palestinian covenant were made in stages, first by political steps taken by the PLO and then by a formal decision of the PNC, to amend the covenant, in 1996.

In fact, the PLO had been moving away from the so-called sacred orders of the covenant since 1974. The covenant, for instance, was not even mentioned in the declaration of independence that was accepted by the PNC in Algiers in 1988. After the Declaration of Principles in September 1993, Arafat wrote a letter to then prime minister Yitzhak Rabin declaring that the clauses in question were no longer valid and had been effectively revoked. This has been reaffirmed on several other occasions since, by the PNC itself in 1996 and again yesterday.

Perhaps the covenant still has some relevance for certain political factions in Israel, as well as to the small opposition groups which met recently in Damascus.

Q: Do the Palestinian rejectionist organizations still have any great influence in the territories?

A: These are very small groups which tried unsuccessfully to organize a boycott of the PNC meeting in 1996. They called for a similar boycott of the latest meeting and again failed. These groups are now no more than chapters in the history of the Palestinian national movement. With the exception of Hamas they have no relevance in the Palestinian political arena and no great influence either.

Q: Have the Palestinians themselves really accepted Israel's right to exist or is the revoking of the relevant clauses in the Palestinian covenant simply a temporary means to achieve the ultimate end as defined in the charter – the destruction of Israel and the liberation of all of Palestine?

A: These clauses are no longer valid. Having said that, a new covenant has not yet been written and Israel has not demanded that a new one be drafted in accordance with its guidelines. In my evaluation, the nullification of these clauses represents the changed aspirations of the majority of Palestinians.

Furthermore, the PA leadership has made it clear in preparing for declaring a Palestinian state that this state would encompass the land occupied since 1967 and not before then. Arafat and the PA leadership have defined their view of the borders of such a state. This is their stated policy. I think that most of the Palestinians accept this and have themselves made what is for them a historic compromise – to have their own state which would be alongside Israel, not instead of it.

Q: In the event of Arafat's demise or his inability to continue as PA chairman, is there any danger of the collapse of the process and a resurgence of violence?

A: I don't believe so. Arafat's path is the direction being taken by the PA establishment, as well as by the Palestinian people themselves. It is not a one-man show, and most of the leadership accepts Arafat's policies of restraint, as do the people, especially when they can see the rewards and tangible fruits of these policies.

There is no clear leader in the succession stakes, even though Abu Mazen (Mahmoud Abbas) appears to be heading the list at the moment. In my opinion, a leader will probably be chosen or elected who will head a coalition that will move forward in the same direction as Arafat and continue his policies. *David Rudge*

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From: David Ben-Gurion

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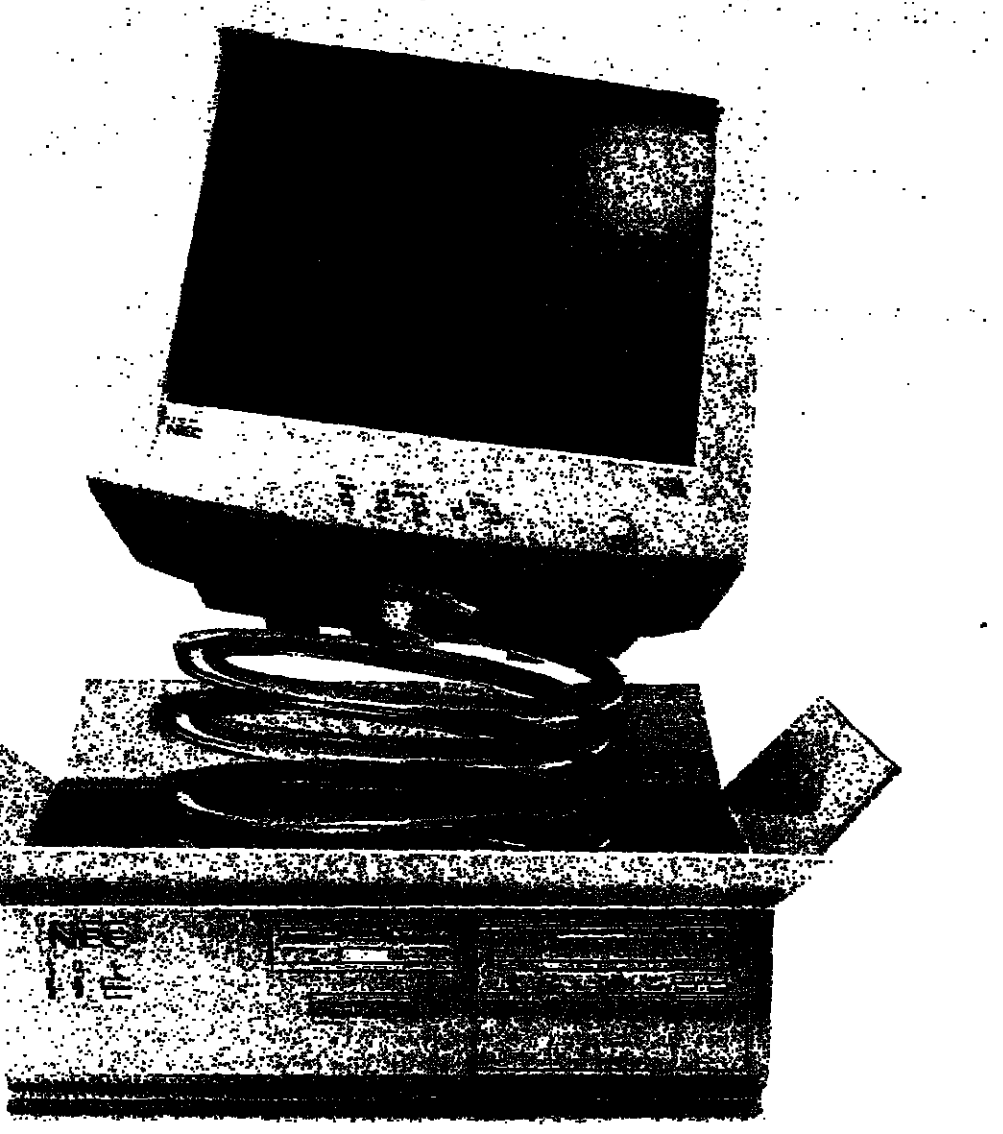

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President Bill Clinton meets the daughters of Palestinian prisoners during a private meeting in the office of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza yesterday. From left are chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat, US national security adviser Sandy Berger, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Clinton, and Arafat. (AP)

Mordechai tells 'Post':

'There are ideas' for prisoner release

By DANNA HARMAN

While the government officially rejects the idea, there are nonetheless indications that some sort of compromise on the issue of prisoner release is under way.

"There are ideas, but I don't want to get into details," Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. "I imagine that these ideas will be discussed between the sides and [hopefully] they will create an opening for the future."

Another top official confirmed that President Bill Clinton and US Mideast envoy Dennis Ross had brought up several compromise ideas, but that "at the moment we are not going to accept them."

The government, backed by the US, maintains that under the Wye accord Israel is required to release a certain number of prisoners – a side agreement specifies 750 – but that there was never any promise as to precisely which prisoners they would be. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has said on more than one occasion that he will release neither those with "blood on their hands" nor Hamas members.

According to the government, there are 1,000-2,000 security prisoners in Israeli jails. Most of them are accused of murder or are either Hamas or Islamic Jihad members. The security prisoners not in this category – such as Fatah activists and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine members – are eligible for release, as are non-security prisoners, such as car thieves and robbers.

In the first prisoner release carried out last month, 100 security prisoners from the second category, and 150 non-security prisoners went free.

The Palestinians, however, are raising a campaign – complete with hunger strikes and violent demonstrations – to demand the release of more of what they call political prisoners. According to the Palestinians, only 10 percent of those called security prisoners by Israel have "blood on their hands." They are willing to leave the question of their release to final-status talks, but want the others out now.

In response to the escalating violence, the government has officially hardened its position, arguing that the PA is behind the violence and that Israel cannot give in to such pressure.

However, in discussions with Ross, as well as in private discussions with other US officials, many in the government have reportedly expressed understanding of the gravity of the matter and said that a compromise may have to be taken into consideration.

President Ezer Weizman last week publicly said that he imagined some of the political prisoners would eventually have to be released.

"The violence has to be stopped immediately and there needs to be a return to substantive discussions... Parallel to this, we need to find ways to move forward," said Mordechai, speaking after a meeting with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Some of the compromise ideas being discussed are for Israel to release accomplices to murder, but not murderers; to parole some of the longest held and/or oldest prisoners; or to release more prisoners in exchange for more security commitments from the Palestinians.

The idea of a release of Palestinian prisoners being linked to the release by the US of convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard, and the release of prisoners who have killed Arabs, but not Jews are also being discussed, although these are less likely scenarios.

A senior Palestinian official said yesterday that a US-Israeli-Palestinian committee on prisoner release would be set up to discuss possible solutions to the dispute.

Netanyahu denied that such a committee is to convene, and said that all problems should be resolved in the existing Palestinian-Israeli committee.

Palestinian girls ask Clinton to aid jailed fathers

In words laced with tears, four Palestinian schoolgirls yesterday pleaded with President Bill Clinton to seek freedom for their fathers held prisoner by Israel.

Witnesses said a somber Clinton told them he would pursue their case with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

"We welcome you in our homeland, and I want to tell you to pressure Netanyahu to return my father. He has been jailed for life. How can a girl like me live without her father?" asked Fida Zaqout, 11, one of four girls who met Clinton. "I've been deprived of touching him for the last 10 years."

Israel freed 250 prisoners last month – the first of 750 due to be released three batches under the Wye agreement.

But Israel's inclusion of 150 common criminals upset Palestinians, who had expected all 250 to be prisoners held for nationalist offenses. Netanyahu countered that he would never free prisoners "with blood on their hands."

"They say we are terrorists and we killed a lot of soldiers. When we kill, one dies. But they kill hundreds and thousands. How could there be peace when the prisoners are still in jail?" Fida asked Clinton.

"Thank you for coming to see me. Your father would be proud of you," Clinton told the four girls. Witnesses said he took their full names and promised to pursue the case.

"The girls wept because some of them had not seen their fathers since they were one year old. Some of their fathers were sentenced to 20 and more years," said Palestinian Authority Planning Minister Nabil Shaath.

"Clinton wept. We all wept," Shaath said.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat kissed the girls on their foreheads. Senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat, acting as interpreter for the girls, aged 7 to 11, broke down, asking Clinton's translator to take over.

Although Washington sides with Netanyahu on the prisoner issue, the row – one of the most emotional issues for Palestinians – has prompted violent demonstrations.

Another girl lamented having to spend Id al-Fitr, the festival marking the end of Ramadan, without her father.

"Should the Moslem holiday always pass without my daddy being with us?" she said. "I want to tell the president: Would you give up seeing your daughter for a minute?" (Reuters)

IDF imposes curfew on village after stonethrowing

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The IDF imposed a curfew on the village of Silat al-Tzir near Jenin yesterday due to increased stonethrowing at Israeli civilian and security vehicles on the road that runs through the village.

The IDF Spokesman said that the commander of the Jenin area, Col. Pini, had met with the principal of the local school and asked him to put a halt to the stonethrowing. His request was ignored and it was decided to impose a curfew, the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, a 22-year-old resident of Shilo was wounded by stones thrown at his vehicle near Ofra. He was taken to Hadassah-University Hospital on Mount Scopus. IDF forces searched the area.

Early yesterday morning an IDF patrol near Givat Ze'ev reported hearing shots. The IDF Spokesman said troops searched the area but found no evidence to support the report.

In Jerusalem, border policemen nabbed three Palestinian youths as they stoned an Egged bus driving near the Rockefeller Museum.

Roads to Knesset blocked even for MKs

NOTEBOOK

By LIAT COLLINS, JUDY SIEGEL, and MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

• KNESSET Speaker Dan Tichon now has another bone to pick with US President Bill Clinton. Not only did Clinton fail to include the Knesset on his itinerary, as is customary for visiting heads of state, but the traffic jams in Jerusalem resulting from his presence prevented MKs from arriving at the House on time for committee meetings.

Several MKs complained to Tichon they were not allowed to pass blocked roads to get to the Knesset even though they displayed their parliamentary identity cards.

Shinui leader Avraham Poraz was stopped by a policewoman at the corner of Herzl and Wolfson and was not allowed to pass, despite his parliamentary ID. Poraz said the policewoman told him she had not even let cabinet secretary Dan Naveh pass.

"Preventing the movement of MKs, particularly to and from the Knesset building, is a violation of Israeli law," Tichon said.

A Jerusalem police spokesman rejected the claims yesterday, saying MKs' movements had not been blocked and they had not received any complaints.

• CLINTON'S maneuvers caused another upset yesterday morning. A 95-year-old Jerusalem woman broke her leg and was hospitalized at Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem after being blown off her feet by the rotor wash of the presidential helicopters.

The woman was going down the steps of the Botanical Gardens near the Hebrew University Stadium, where five helicopters were to take the president and his party to Gaza. Her leg was put in a cast in the emergency room, but because of her advanced age it was decided to hospitalize her in the orthopedics department for observation.

• A US SECRET Service agent has been spending all his time since Saturday night at Hadassah in Ein Kerem, in the event that Clinton should take ill. Hadassah was chosen to be on standby, because of its advanced trauma unit.

A room has been set aside with special communications equipment, manned by the Secret Service 24 hours a day.

Clinton's personal physician met with Hadassah doctors and even checked the corridors leading from the trauma unit to the operating theaters.

• AMONG those present at Sunday night's gala dinner hosted by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, in honor of Clinton and his wife, Hillary, were Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel and Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza chairman Pinhas Wallerstein.

After much debate and criticism from other council members, council director Aharon Domb decided to forgo the dinner. Council sources said Wallerstein and Kashriel went up to Netanyahu, who introduced them to Clinton. Sara Netanyahu pointed out to Clinton that Wallerstein was denied entry to Wye Plantation.

Experiencing the news on a West Bank road

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Cars traveling down the wide and smooth highway bypassing the West Bank town of Husan yesterday came under a hail of stones. It's happened before.

This time the radio was playing history as President Bill Clinton was touching down at Gaza International Airport.

Suddenly swarming down the hill below the village mosque came half a dozen kids. They ran towards the road, some dressed in acrylic sweaters, others their faces wrapped in full, flowing kaffiyeh glory. And they hurled stones and small boulders at the cars passing by.

This reporter naturally crouched, swerved and gunned it out of there.

But the guy across the street screeched to a halt and incredulously got out, cocked a mini M-16 assault gun, pointed it straight at the kids and casually started shooting.

The only air he seemed to be aiming for was the air in the lungs of those stone-throwing kids. The pack quickly turned around and ran. None were seen to fall. In a matter of seconds this reporter was over the hill and bearing straight for the Border Police roadblock to report the incident. Two jeeps went tearing off in the direction of the clash.

Being a wire reporter for many years, this reporter felt the urgent need to return with the Israeli forces and call in the story. What story?

There have been scores of incidents of stone throwings in the past week. Israeli civilians have opened fire at least half a dozen times after being ambushed on the roads. Only this time this reporter's jeep was the target of the stones and witness to the rage of an Israeli driver, whose vehicle did not appear to have been hit. Does that make it any more newsworthy?

The IDF Spokesman said Israeli forces which went to the scene did not find any signs of shooting, but stressed that the army views opening fire by Israeli civilians very seriously, although it is apt to condone it if justified.

Since news of the incident did not filter up to the senior levels, there was no one to either condone nor admonish the Israeli gunman. The stone throwers too escaped without judgement.

VOTE

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The government has made movement on its part conditional on the PA implementation of the following checklist: Chairman Yasser Arafat must denounce the intention to unilaterally declare statehood on May 4, 1999; he must begin with confiscating illegal weapons (the government claims that only some 400 of tens of thousands of illegal weapons have been collected); the Palestinian Police must be reduced; the 30 fugitives wanted by Israel must be jailed; security cooperation, especially the exchange of intelligence, which according to the government has been all but frozen over the past two weeks, must resume; and the PA must acknowledge that it has no ground to demand the release of more security prisoners, and immediately move to quell the growing violence in the West Bank.

Netanyahu stressed that the charter had been changed due to Israel's stubborn insistence, and that the lesson to be learned was that this is the way to make the Palestinians fulfill their commitments.

"Today is an important day for Israel," Netanyahu said. "Fifty years after our establishment, 35 years after the Palestinian Covenant calling for our destruction was adopted, and five years after the Palestinians promised to nullify that charter, it happened today. And it happened because, first and foremost, we stood strong on our demand that this need happen."

Senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said he was "very sorry" to hear Netanyahu's reaction. "It is time Netanyahu took the high road and moved to fulfill his commitments.

He heard our message of peace loud and clear today, and he cannot continue hiding behind invalid pretexts," said Erekat. "The man who invented the term reciprocity is now running away from it."

Netanyahu, who, like Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, claimed he had not watched the broadcast of the PNC meeting, nonetheless pointed to what he saw as some grave problems with Clinton's speech.

"Of course, there is no symmetry between us and the Palestinians. It is not us who sent out murderers, not us who sent out car bombs. We do not believe in terror... and the place for someone who kills innocent people is behind bars," he said in reference to Clinton's statement equating children of security prisoners and children of victims of terror.

A senior official spoke in far harsher terms, saying Netanyahu was furious with the comparison. "No one in his right mind could make this moral equivalency," he said. "I wonder if Clinton would dare say the same thing about the children of the World Trade Center bomber. He is giving naïveté a bad name."

Clinton, by the way, never met with children of terror victims, as he claimed in his speech to the PNC.

The official added that there was also anger at Clinton's reference to making peace with the people of Israel, not with the government. "We are a democratic state, and he cannot go over the head of the elected government that way," he said, adding that both matters would be brought up with the US administration.

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, who instigated the demand for a vote, and who did watch the whole meeting, had a different gripe. "This was a step, but a modest step and not any giant leap. Arafat missed the opportunity to speak of ending the war with Israel. He spoke of peace over and over, but failed to mentioned that it was peace with Israel... until his very last sentence."

PNC

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Midway through his 35-minute speech, Clinton made a pitch for Israel and the Palestinians to reenergize their cooperation and cease their "gnashing of teeth" approach to making peace."

"The fulfillment of one side's aspirations must not come at the expense of the other. We must believe that everyone can win. ...

"Now it will take good faith, mutual respect and compromise to forge a final agreement. ... You and they must now determine what kind of peace you will have. Will it be grudging and mean-spirited and confining, or will it be generous and open?"

After a late-night meeting Clinton held with the visiting legislators, congressman Rick Lazio said the president was "cautiously buoyant" about the PNC development and Netanyahu's reaction.

GAZA

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As 3:30 p.m. approached, the time scheduled for the PNC meeting, delegates pulled up in their cars.

The security cordon that kept journalists off the steps weakened and they freely interviewed the new arrivals. Participants climbed the steps and when a crush developed at the door, Palestinian officials delayed their entrance for 30 seconds at a time.

Badges checked, delegates proceeded through.

That is where a more stringent presence was felt. The American security services took over.

JABALAYA

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An outspoken storekeeper named Hassan, who was imprisoned by Israel for his role in the intifada, yesterday found himself under questioning from undercover PA intelligence officers after speaking with journalists.

The officers, positioned in a white van, watched him speak with the reporters and when he was done, they accosted him.

He recalled later that they asked him what he was discussing, wrote down his name and warned they might be back. Then they let him go.

Just a few minutes earlier, standing near a monument to six youths killed before Israel vacated the camp in 1994, Hasan, apparently a known opposition figure, termed plans to annul the Palestinian charter in the presence of Clinton "a big treachery against the Palestinian people."

"Much of the Palestinian people have lands and homes inside Palestine – cancelling the charter negates their rights," he said.

The withdrawal of Israeli troops from Jabalya did not represent an end to the occupation, he added, since troops were relocated to other positions in the strip and settlements were not touched by the Oslo Agreement.

"The people who sacrificed and died made their sacrifices for something better, not for this," he said. "They fought for their complete rights and not for the continuation of the occupation in another form."

Still, other Jabalya residents credited the PA with tangible achievements. Awad, a student, said: "There is daily security here, without the Israeli army entering. The airport is a great thing for the Palestinians, and hopefully, the seaport will also open."

Said Ibrahim Ali Mohammed, who runs a paint store: "I was able to come back to Jabalya because of the peace process."

He was born in the camp, moved away to Abu Dhabi in 1975 and was unable to return until after the Oslo Agreement.

Salah Tamari, a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, predicted yesterday that warmer PA ties with Washington will benefit Palestinians in the territories.

"It serves the welfare of our people to become closer to the US government," he said. "Of course, there are a few people, a minority, who can never be satisfied."

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Mordechai to Albright:
'Our patience is thin on Lebanon'

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and DAVID RUDGE

The country's patience is wearing thin over Lebanon and a solution must be found before it is too late, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai told US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in a breakfast meeting yesterday.

"The situation in Lebanon has an inherent potential for a security deterioration," Mordechai told Albright. "Our patience is not without limits, and it's preferable to find a security arrangement prior to a conflict and not afterward, as a deterioration of the situation in Lebanon can badly influence the entire region and the whole peace process." Joined by Uri Lubrani, long-time government coordinator of activities in Lebanon, Mordechai held Syria responsible for events there.

"The Syrians bear direct and indirect responsibility for what goes on in Lebanon," Mordechai said.

Defense sources said that Mordechai repeated that Israel wants to resume peace talks with the Syrians. But he added that the conditions they have made for their return to the table are unacceptable.

Albright did not bring anything new regarding Syria, the sources said.

"We are in Lebanon for purely security needs and we will leave if the Lebanese Army takes full responsibility for the region," Mordechai told reporters afterward.

The Four Mothers movement, meanwhile, is urging President Bill Clinton to use his influence to help enable a peaceful IDF withdrawal from the security zone.

Movement chairwoman Rahel Ben-Dor said that representatives of the the organization met with the president and his wife Hillary shortly before they left Jerusalem International Convention Center on Sunday night.

"The meeting was held in a side room. Our representatives spoke with president and his wife and gave them written material about our activities," said Ben-Dor, who was not present herself.

"They said the president listened carefully and nodded his head several times, while Hillary Clinton expressed a desire to help and said she was interested in reading the material they were given.

"Our message is very simple – to find a way to end the bloodshed in Lebanon, because if there is no solution, the situation there could easily deteriorate and disrupt if not undo the peace process and everything that has been achieved so far."

In a related development, Israel yesterday submitted a further complaint to the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group over Hizbullah's firing of mortars from within Jaba village, north of the security zone, during fighting in the region on Sunday. No date has yet been fixed for a meeting of the five-nation committee which was established to supervise the understandings reached at the end of Operation Grapes of Wrath in April 1996.

An exchange of gifts

The lord mayor of London, Lord (Peter) Levene (left), exchanges gifts yesterday with Tel Aviv Mayor Ron Huldai. Levene, who is on an official visit with a delegation from London, gave Huldai an engraved silver platter, and received the Tel Aviv 'town clock' in exchange.

(Assaf Shilo/Israel Sun)

Pimps buy prostitute for $5,000 – earn up to $50,000, say police

By LIAT COLLINS

Women are sold into the sex business in Israel for between $5,000 and $15,000, while the pimps who buy them can earn between $10,000 and $50,000 a year per woman. These are some of the figures presented by police investigator Dep.-Cmdr. Avi Davidovitch at a meeting of the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women yesterday on the international trade in women.

According to the Israel Women's Network, some 2,000 women are brought to Israel a year from the CIS and forced by pimps to work as prostitutes. Many are brought here on false pretenses and held against their will, according to women's groups.

Nativ head Ya'acov Kedmi, whose organization forwards intelligence material from the CIS to the Internal Security Ministry, said the problems could be drastically reduced within a month if a special police unit dealing with the issue were established to centralize the data.

"Right now, the policeman at Ben-Gurion Airport can do nothing and the policeman on the street in Bat Yam can do nothing, and they don't even talk to each other," Kedmi said. He said the police put the trade in women lower on their order of priorities than the drug trade, security, "and even car thefts."

Police Asst.-Cmdr. Ina Wolf agreed with Kedmi regarding the problems regarding the lack of correlated data. Wolf and Davidovitch said a model is being prepared to handle the phenomenon and the report would be shortly forwarded to the decision makers.

Irit Omanit, director of the Haifa Emergency Shelter for Women, said that on five occasions recently she has accepted at the shelter women who were exploited as prostitutes, even though the shelter framework is not suitable for them. She said the women who agree to give evidence against the pimps and traders should be given the status of state witnesses and protected.

She also said the matter should not be seen as a women's issue but a social issue, particularly "because we are fast heading in the direction of trade in minors for prostitution and slavery." Israel Women's Network lawyer Rachel Benziman also said the women who agree to give evidence against their pimps should be protected. She said, however, in many cases they are simply deported directly to their homelands, where the traders can find and kill them.

The committee, chaired by Marina Solodkin (Yisrael Ba'aliya) agreed to a suggestion by Naomi Chazan (Meretz) to hold another session after the police model and report have been submitted and also to draw up the committee's own suggestions.

Gov't urged to establish desalination plants

AT THE KNESSET

By LIAT COLLINS

The government is taking a risk by not immediately building desalination plants. Water Commissioner Meir Ben-Meir yesterday told a meeting of the Knesset State Control Committee. He said that in future years the combined factors of Israel's population growth and increased water consumption by the Palestinian Authority could leave the country without water reserves in a dry season.

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan said his ministry, together with the National Infrastructure Ministry, had prepared a plan for seawater desalination plants, which if approved by the government could start being implemented immediately. He said Israel cannot "remain at the mercy of the weather."

A Finance Ministry official, however, disagreed with the urgency and said the problems could be solved now by using treated sewage for agriculture.

Wadi Ara lacks emergency services

The Knesset Interior Committee yesterday learned that between Hadera and Afula there are no emergency services capable of immediately handling disasters, such as the fire at Umm el-Fahm in which three children died last week. There are, however, plans to establish a Magen David Adom station in Umm el-Fahm.

Committee chairman Micha Goldman (Labor) said the MKs would demand to receive the schedule for establishing MDA and firefighting stations in the Wadi Ara area. The meeting was held in the presence of Mohamed Awad, the father of the dead children.

MK Hashem Mahmeed (Hadash), a relative of the family, said the firefighters arrived after 22 minutes.

MDA director Avi Zohar said the deployment of ambulances was determined in 1982 and has not been updated since. He claimed that mayors prefer to invest in sidewalks and fountains rather than emergency services.

The commander of the Hadera Firefighters, Arieh Yitzhak, said that even had a fire station existed in Umm el-Fahm it would not have prevented the tragedy, because only the family could have detected the outbreak of the fire.

Umm el-Fahm Mayor Raad Salah said the municipality is willing to establish a fire and ambulance station at the entrance to the city.

A representative of the National Firefighting and Rescue Service, Benny Weinerman, said the creation of a fire station in Umm el-Fahm had been delayed by bureaucracy. Some NIS 500,000 for it appears in the 1999 budget. He said it is particularly urgent to have an emergency vehicle in the area, because the Wadi Ara road is known as a traffic accident hot spot.

Bill for Hebrew songs on radio

The Knesset Education Committee yesterday readied for final readings a bill under which at least half the songs played on state radio stations would be in Hebrew.

The bill is being promoted by Yona Yahav (Labor), who said that since he first raised it there has been some improvement in the situation. "Then most of the songs heard on the radio were foreign-language songs. Now, in effect, Reshet Gimmel [Radio 3] plays only Israeli songs," he noted.

Committee chairman Emanuel Zissman (Third Way), said, "This bill is a message about our heritage and the Israeli and local culture which is developing in Israel. It's good that Radio 3 plays only Israeli songs, but it is important that things be determined by law to emphasize the commitment of appreciation of the Israeli legislator to Israeli music."

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Knesset Pollard caucus asks to meet Clinton

By NINA GILBERT

The Knesset yesterday called on President Bill Clinton to meet with a delegation of MKs pressing for him to pardon convicted spy Jonathan Pollard.

MK Ophir Pines-Paz (Labor) said the Knesset should send a clear message to Clinton while he is here that the Israeli people is asking him to pardon Pollard. Pines-Paz, who heads the Knesset's Pollard caucus, was speaking during a debate on Pollard approved as a last-minute addition to the agenda.

"I hope that the president won't ignore the Knesset's decision and will nevertheless meet with its delegation," he said.

Pines-Paz said he relayed another request for the meeting last night to cabinet secretary Dan Naveh and Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon, although he was previously told that the president's tight schedule would not allow for a meeting with the caucus.

The Knesset, concluded the debate by affirming a declaration signed by 78 MKs from across the political spectrum. "We don't disagree with the punishment imposed on Pollard, but ask that President Clinton take into consideration Pollard's condition after 13 years in prison," it says.

Pines-Paz said Clinton would release Pollard if he were not put under pressure by other elements in the US government.

"But while the US is asking Israel to make huge risks for the peace process... we are asking for a humanitarian measure that doesn't endanger US security or its prestige," he said.

Pines-Paz commended Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for his appeal Sunday to Clinton to release Pollard on humanitarian grounds. Netanyahu previously sought Pollard's release at the Wye River talks, and Clinton is to review the matter after receiving a report soon from the relevant US agencies.

Pines-Paz said that, although he is among the prime minister's biggest critics, Netanyahu has done more than any other government. "But even this is not enough," he said. "We are talking about a person who is paying a price for a mistake made by Israel."

Hanan Porat (NRP) said Israel's request for Pollard's release is very relevant, considering that Israel is being asked to make a peace gesture and release prisoners who present a security risk.

However, Shevah Weiss (Labor) questioned whether a public campaign is the best tactic in obtaining Pollard's release, especially given the friendly relations between the US and Israel.

Azmi Bishara (Hadash) called the campaign "hypocritical," and noted that despite Israel's deep strategic relationship with the US, someone had decided that Israel must know everything. He noted that Israel had also imprisoned spies who had acted out of dual loyalty.

NEWS
in brief

Likud joins Tel Aviv City Council

Tel Aviv Mayor Ron Huldai (Labor) and Likud faction head Eitan Sulami yesterday signed a coalition agreement, under which Sulami will be a deputy major. The city council president will also be from the Likud Party. At its first meeting yesterday, Tel Aviv's newly elected city council approved the appointments of deputy mayors Udi Neta (Dor Shalom) and of a Meretz representative. The party has not decided whether to give the position to Michael Ro'eh or Michal Eden. Naftali Lubart (United Torah Judaism) said he is still negotiating with Huldai to join the coalition. *Heidi J. Gleit*

Avital continues leave, suspension ends

Colette Avital, the Foreign Ministry's deputy director-general for European affairs, is continuing her leave until the end of a police investigation, despite a decision by the ministry to end her two-week suspension. Avital had been suspended on suspicion that she had leaked classified material to a journalist at *Ha'aretz*.

Sources said that Avital, who denied the report, would return to work only when the police complete the investigation. Police have not yet questioned her. *Itim*

Hoter-Yishai indictment to be reconsidered

The State Prosecutor's Office announced yesterday that it would reconsider its decision to quash the contempt of court indictment against Bar Association chairman Dror Hoter-Yishai. The announcement came at a High Court hearing on a petition by the Movement for Quality Government that the indictment be reinstated. The court gave the State Prosecutor's Office 10 days to reach a decision.

Hoter-Yishai was indicted for his verbal attack on Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge Ziva Hadassi-Herman after his conviction on tax charges. The indictment was quashed after Hoter-Yishai apologized to Hadassi-Herman. But Hoter-Yishai attacked her again after the quashing, leading the State Attorney's Office to reconsider. *Itim*

Police denied call data from alleged 'tapper'

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court rejected on Sunday a police request for a cellphone and Bezeq transcription of outgoing calls from journalist Tal Ariel-Amir, who works for the weekly *Tel Aviv*.

The police requested the printout during their investigation of suspected wiretapping by journalists of conference calls between Dan area police commanders.

Yesterday, Ariel requested a temporary injunction for the court not to respond to any requests for a record of her calls; however, the judge said there was no need for it, given the rejection of the police request the day before. *Itim*

Interfaith meetings under way

Jewish and Orthodox Christian theologians and scholars are meeting this week near Jerusalem as part of an ongoing series of meetings between the two faiths, aimed at achieving greater understanding. At the opening ceremony at the Ma'aleh Hahamisha Hotel yesterday, Metropolitan Damaskinos Papandreou of Switzerland pointed out that in the past, contact between Judaism and Orthodox Christianity had been primarily in the form of polemics and religious rivalry. This, he said, led to an erroneous reading of of the divine revelation as set out in the sacred works of both sides, each intent on showing the errors of the other religion. *Haim Shapiro*

Conference marking Korczak's birth opens

A conference marking 120 years since the birth of Polish educator Janusz Korczak begins today at Beit Lohamei Hageta'ot at Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot. It will focus on various aspects of his life and its relevance to today's Israel.

The international conference will focus on the Education Ministry's theme for the school year, "The Right to Respect and the Duty to Respect," and will include presentations from academics, researchers, psychologists, teachers, and students from Israel and abroad, among them representatives from Poland, Ukraine, Bulgaria, the US, Canada, Great Britain, Switzerland, Sweden, Italy, and Brazil. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Education Ministry clashes with civil rights, gay groups

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The Education Ministry's theme for the year, "The Right to Respect and the Duty to Respect," does not extend to homosexuals, civil and gay rights groups charged yesterday.

They were protesting an Education Ministry decision not to include material about homosexuals and lesbians at its education fair on the annual theme, opening today at the Jerusalem International Convention Center.

The High Court of Justice, which they had petitioned to force the ministry to allow them to participate, ruled yesterday that while there is some merit to their arguments, they had filed their petition too late to overturn the ministry's decision.

The petition was presented by Klaf – the feminist lesbian community in Israel, the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI), the Association of Homosexuals, Lesbians, and Bisexuals in Israel, and Kibbutz Tuval which had also intended to present material related to homosexuals and lesbians and AIDS education, an ACRI spokeswoman said.

The Education Ministry spokesman was unavailable for comment.

According to ACRI, the ministry published notices asking the public to present educational material on various subjects related to individual rights to be presented at the fair.

Prof. Ozer Schild, chairman of the ministry's pedagogic secretariat, rejected Klaf's request to participate, telling it the ministry had decided to give priority to matters involving relations within the education system, rifts in Israeli society, and matters involving families which produce children. According to ACRI, Schild said homosexuality and lesbianism did not fall under these categories, and therefore has no place at the fair.

German Holocaust debate seeks new language

By PAUL GEITNER

BERLIN (AP) — The two leading players in a new German debate over how to remember the Holocaust agreed in their first face-to-face meeting that the right language for Germany's past had yet to be found.

In a weekend discussion arranged by the *Frankfurter Allgemeine* newspaper and published yesterday, German Jewish leader Ignatz Bubis retracted his earlier charge that a speech about the Holocaust memory by prize-winning author Martin Walser amounted to "spiritual arson."

In the October speech, Walser had warned against "exploitation" of German guilt about the Holocaust "for present purposes," and said that the horror of Auschwitz should not become "a routine threat."

In their face-to-face meeting, Bubis said he believed Walser had "the very best intentions," but accused him of lending indirect support to neo-Nazis by speaking in imprecise terms.

Walser said he was referring generally to media coverage of German unification; for example, when Auschwitz was cited by some critics as a just reason for Germany's Cold War division, and that reuniting the country would "inevitably" lead to a new Auschwitz.

He also was angry with critics who fault any new German literature that doesn't mention the Holocaust.

He said he wanted to "find a language in which many people can see themselves expressed – because in the end how they think of Auschwitz remains left to them."

Both Walser and Bubis agreed that an appropriate language for dealing with Germany's past has yet to be found.

Meanwhile, Germany's new culture minister yesterday proposed abandoning long-debated plans for a giant Holocaust memorial in Berlin and building a Holocaust museum, research center, and park on the site instead. Michael Naumann told Berlin's *Tagesspiegel* newspaper that the new concept he is working on would be aimed above all at educating young people about the Holocaust, rather than simply erecting a "landscape of stone."

Euro-baby blues

Column One

Thomas O'Dwyer

Whenever troubles arise in the European Union, one of the national leaders inevitably dismisses it as a "family quarrel."

It sounds very cozy, but we all know how nasty they can be.

Momentous times are at hand for the EU, and the world (that means you too, Americans) will soon be paying more attention to this unique club of 15 diverse and rich nations than it has in the past.

Few Americans are aware that for the first time in 50 years the top-dog dollar has a brazen new pup getting ready to snap at its hind legs. The euro is slouching toward Brussels to be born. Its birthday is known, and it's only 16 days away – January 1, 1999.

That may explain the grumpiness of the nervous parents. Despite the much-vaunted "new leftness" that abounds in Europe, the top three new lefties have been by turns over-enthusiastic and over-edgy with one another of late.

A summit last weekend of EU leaders in Vienna left an image of happy family members smiling broadly through clenched teeth, as if there lurked an unproved suspicion that someone was trying to make off with the silver.

Red Oscar

Prime ministers Tony Blair of Britain and Lionel Jospin of France have been full of enthusiasm for Germany's new-center chancellor, Gerhard Schroeder. On the other hand, Blair and French President Jacques Chirac are less than enthusiastic about Schroeder's old-red finance minister, Oscar Lafontaine.

Lafontaine sent a shudder through the British establishment just before the summit with a suggestion that the European Council adopt majority voting on tax issues, and harmonize tax collection across the EU.

That would end Britain's right to veto higher tax demands from Brussels. The very idea let slip the British tabloid dogs of abuse, slavering at the mouth about dastardly red Huns.

Britain's indignant true-blue Conservatives at last had a Euro-bone to chew on, too: "We knew it all along – this new center nonsense. is all a plot to restore tax-and-spend economies run by meddling governments bent on creating a nightmare super-Eurostate."

As in the best of family intrigues, this nudged aside a sub-plot – French jealousy that a Tony-Gerhard alliance would push Jacques to the side, now that he's lost his Helmut.

Not a bit of it – a week before the Vienna summit, there was the Potsdam summit. This was no replay of the old four-power postwar get-together; it was strictly a Franco-German affair. at which Schroeder helped Chirac celebrate his 66th birthday in the bosom of the "Euro-family."

Key money

However, as in family disputes, unspoken money problems generate the most acid.

Germany pays $12 billion into the Euro-budget per year; France pays only $340 million.

Schroeder is not Helmut Kohl, who was willing to pay ad infinitum for the grand ideal of a united Europe as a bulwark against the (German) sins of the past.

Expect trouble ahead on this key-money problem, with more British indignation as a catalyst.

Schroeder is more of a new German than a new centrist. Next year Germany will again become a Berlin, rather than a Bonn, republic and Schroeder is willing to take a more assertive and self-confident pose to match the symbolic change.

That word "confident" brings us neatly back to January and the euro. The last thing the European Union needs to do right now is to give markets the impression that its compass is waving indecisively, unsure of the political poles.

What the individual EU states, except perhaps France and Germany, have not yet grasped is the enormous power and responsibility that is looming as they bring forth the world's second reserve currency.

Europeans have not created, nor for the most part do they want, a united federal continent. With a united continental currency, they may be getting more of it than they bargained for. The EU will suddenly be a lot greater than the sum of its fractious parts, and the European Central Bank will spring from unknown nothingness to go eyeball to eyeball with the Federal Reserve.

Sorry, old chaps

Of course, Britain has opted out of the first launch of the euro, a destabilizing little legacy of little-Englander myopia from the previous government. The promise and the problems, the logic and the fallacy of it all, have spawned two schools of euro-prophets.

One views the coming of the euro as astronomers might eye an approaching asteroid – with appalled fascination. The impact will fragment the EU with runaway unemployment, inflation and inter-state squabbles and recriminations.

The other school is one of bright lights and heavenly choirs, waiting for the gleaming euro to descend and save mankind. Along with medieval exchange rates, its magnificence and power will sweep away all manner of evils – bureaucracy, inefficiency, price-fixing, monopolies.

Life, as it does, will settle somewhere in the common-sense, dull, untidy middle. The euro will be neither disaster nor miracle. Some dull, efficient central bank manager will look up and say: "Well, it's here, but there's a lot of work to be done."

And everyone will wonder why they didn't think of that a long time ago.

Trial of the century

If the House of Representatives approves articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton, partisan wrangling could drag out the proceedings for a year

By EDWIN CHEN

The US Senate is in full session, but that's not Vice President Al Gore presiding. It's Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, somber in his black robe.

Arrayed before the chief justice in semicircles, 55 Republicans to his left and 45 Democrats to his right, the senators sit behind their flip-top mahogany desks in unaccustomed silence. If they have anything to say, they must put it in writing and send it up to Rehnquist.

Welcome to the trial of the century – the extraordinary proceeding that could unfold early next year if the House of Representatives approves articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton.

That the 91 men and nine women are barred from speaking – like jurors in courtrooms all across America – is one of the few concrete rules in place.

In a Senate trial to oust a president, there are no set rules of evidence, there is no definition of burden of proof. And the inevitable procedural clashes may well engender partisan wrangling that drags the proceedings well into the spring and possibly beyond.

"I can think of hundreds of issues," said Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah. "This could tie up the Senate for a year or more."

The Constitution requires a two-thirds vote to overturn a national election and fire a chief executive. But on virtually every other issue along the way, the Senate can do what it wants by a simple majority vote – including shutting down the proceeding altogether.

As the House nears an impeachment vote that seems too close to call, the Senate side of the Capitol has become rife with partisan maneuverings and logistical preparations. As remarkable as the impeachment debate has been in the House, that spectacle will pale beside what may come next.

THE Senate has conducted 14 trials: of 12 judges, one cabinet member and one president. Andrew Johnson escaped removal from office in 1868 when the Senate fell a single vote short of the two-thirds majority necessary to convict.

Intense partisanship engulfed nearly all the trials, according to Eleanore Bushnell and Michael J. Gerhardt, authors of books on impeachment. And unlike rulings in most courts of law, impeachment trials have not established precedents for those that followed.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry J. Hyde is expected to serve as 'manager' – that is, *prosecutor – of the case against Clinton.* (AP)

"Each one is essentially new, and a product of the political environment in which it takes place," Bushnell said.

Even without partisanship, an impeachment trial would pose a dizzying array of legal issues. Gerhardt, a William and Mary College law professor, said the Senate would have to consider seriously several procedural issues: "Do you rely on transcripts or live witnesses? Does executive privilege apply? Does the attorney-client privilege apply?"

A trial also raises the prospect of key figures in the scandal, such as Monica Lewinsky and Linda Tripp, being called to testify under oath in the Senate chamber about the salacious details of the affair. Those details are at the core of the perjury allegations against Clinton.

Rehnquist, himself the author of a book on two impeachment trials, would be empowered to rule on evidentiary matters and other motions.

But a simple majority of senators could overrule his decisions.

"I can envision the better part of January might be spent trying to clean up just the procedural issues," Gerhardt said.

THE new Senate convenes on January 6. Only after the eight newly elected members are sworn in can it officially receive a notice of impeachment from the House.

Three of the new members – Democrat Charles E. Shumer of New York and Republicans Jim Bunning of Kentucky and Michael D. Crapo of Idaho – will actually have voted as House members on whether to send Clinton's case to the Senate.

Then the Senate will set a time and date to formally receive House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry J. Hyde, R-Ill., who is expected to serve as "manager" – that is, prosecutor – of the case against Clinton. The president may choose anyone to represent him.

On the Senate floor, Hyde would read the articles of impeachment. Then the Senate would adopt an order setting a time and date for the trial to commence.

At 1 p.m. on opening day, Rehnquist would be sworn in – either by Gore or, if the vice president opted not to participate, by the Senate president pro tem, Strom Thurmond, R-S.C.

After taking their oaths as jurors, senators would summon the president – or his lawyers – to appear for trial.

Clinton is not required to attend and is expected to maintain a healthy distance from the Senate floor.

Next would come 30 days or so for the White House to prepare its response to the articles of impeachment, followed by perhaps 10 days for Hyde's team to respond.

"At that point we start probably with motions, such as a motion to dismiss," Dove said.

Several Senate Democrats are drafting censure resolutions to short-circuit a full-blown trial. But it is far from clear that a majority of senators – including some traditionalist Democrats – would agree to what Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., called "a cop-out" of the Senate's constitutional duties.

Once motions and procedural issues were settled, Dove said, "we start the evidentiary period – witnesses are called, examined by one side and then cross-examined, just as in a trial."

What amounts to the jury deliberation would take place behind closed doors, with each senator allowed to speak for no more than 15 minutes.

The casting of the verdict would come in open chamber, with each senator standing to announce his or her decision after individually choosing from among three possible burdens of proof: beyond a reasonable doubt, clear and convincing, or preponderance of evidence.

If a two-thirds majority – 67 of the 100 senators – votes to convict on just one article of impeachment, Clinton would immediately cease to be president. It's an open question, Dove said, whether senators would continue voting on the other articles.

After conviction, the senate could exercise its further prerogative of barring – by a simple majority vote – the president from ever holding again "any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States."

If 34 or more senators voted to acquit the president on all charges, he would remain in office.

VIRTUALLY no one believes Senate Republicans could attract the 12 Democrats they would need to reach the 67 senators required for conviction, although former California congressman Leon Panetta, who served Clinton as White House chief of staff, said nothing in this drama could be taken for granted.

"If you go to trial and these witnesses are all presented for the first time and cross-examined, you can't just assume it's a done deal as far as the Senate is concerned," he said.

The last time the Senate adopted rules governing impeachment trials was in 1986. The rules address a host of issues large and small – including even the precise time of day when the Senate is supposed to convene.

But sprinkled throughout the 101-page rule book is a key phrase – 'unless otherwise ordered by the Senate' – that lets the Senate adopt whatever rules it chooses.

"The rules are laced with all kinds of caveats," said a top Senate Republican leadership aide.

This much is sure: Clinton would have nowhere to appeal a conviction.

"You lose here," Dove said, "you've lost." (Los Angeles Times)

US servicemen investigated for drug-running

By H.G. REZA

The American military has encountered an unexpected enemy in its war on drugs: US servicemen smuggling marijuana and cocaine into California for Mexican drug rings.

At least 50 Marines and sailors have been investigated for drug running "in recent years," according to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

Eight military probes involving 20 Marine and Navy suspects were launched in the past year alone, officials said in response to a *Los Angeles Times* inquiry.

And investigators said five of the cases involved Marines suspected of driving narcotics through Camp Pendleton, north of San Diego, apparently to help traffickers avoid the Border Patrol checkpoint on nearby Interstate 5.

Officials refused to provide names of the suspects or other details about the smuggling cases, including how many were prosecuted or convicted.

The number of service members implicated in smuggling is relatively small compared to the more than 100,000 sailors and Marines stationed in the San Diego area.

But the development represents an insidious twist in the corrupting influence of the drug trade, which previously has spawned bribery investigations and convictions of several federal border agents.

Records show that some servicemen who were arrested by federal drug agents worked for major Mexican drug rings. Authorities say most, if not all, of these rings have ties to the violent Arellano-Felix cartel of Tijuana, Mexico, that funnels tons of cocaine and marijuana into the US.

OFFICIALS were reluctant to discuss the investigations because a number are ongoing.

However, some acknowledged privately that they are surprised and dismayed that any servicemen were involved in smuggling at a time that the military has been used to help stem the flow of drugs across the border.

"Overall, we don't consider [military drug smugglers] a [big] problem," said a senior federal law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity. "But it's one that interests us because you don't expect military personnel to be involved in drug smuggling."

In one case, an active duty Marine sneaked marijuana shipments into the US by using a rubber speedboat to elude Coast Guard and Navy radar. Under cover of night, the drugs were delivered to waiting vehicles at San Diego County beaches.

Military authorities said some servicemen were recruited at Tijuana nightspots and allegedly paid to transport drugs across the border in private vehicles.

Marines and sailors, they said, evidently were chosen because their clean-cut looks made them less likely to be searched.

Debbie Hartman, spokeswoman for the US attorney in San Diego, said her office does not track convictions by occupation and does not know how many servicemen have been convicted of smuggling.

Pentagon officials said they do not know how many servicemen have been court-martialed and convicted for drug smuggling – nor how many from each branch are now under investigation.

IN the last two years, US Customs Service agents have investigated 10 to 15 cases of active-duty military men and reservists involved in narcotics trafficking, according to a federal official familiar with the probes.

Investigations by US Customs and Drug Enforcement Administration agents have resulted in the indictment of at least two Marines during the past year, and one National Guard soldier is a fugitive, records show.

Smuggling cases targeting dozens of military personnel have arisen while US Army, California National Guard and Marine units were conducting drug interdiction patrols along the border.

Earlier this year, a customs intelligence memo suggested that traffickers still were using Camp Pendleton – a 125,000-acre installation about 60 miles from Tijuana.

The February 25 memo obtained by *The Times* said an informant told investigators that the Arellano-Felix cartel transports small loads of marijuana through the base to avoid a Border Patrol checkpoint on Interstate 5.

Naval Criminal Investigative Service Special Agent Wayne Clookie said two civilians were arrested on the base in November 1997 for transporting 52 pounds (24 kg.) of marijuana.

"They attempted to cross the base to avoid the I-5 checkpoint," Clookie said.

Camp Pendleton spokesman Lt. Eric Dent said Marine officials are aware of the temptations young Marines face while visiting Tijuana.

The base uses a Department of Defense counselor to train Marines how to respond when "targeted by drug peddlers, prostitutes and gangs."

"We expect our Marines to understand that if they're in Tijuana and are asked to bring something across the border, they should fall back on our core values," Dent said. "We don't want any part of this. But we realize that our people are human and some mistakes will be made."

(Los Angeles Times)

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Gore attacks congressional leaders

By JIM ABRAMS

WASHINGTON (AP) – As undecided House Republicans wrestled with impeachment, Vice President Al Gore attacked congressional leaders yesterday for defying the "wisdom of the American people" by continuing to press to remove President Bill Clinton from office.

Weighing in on the drama affecting his boss, Gore pledged to do "anything and everything I can that is appropriate and effective" to press for a House vote later this week on censure as an alternative to impeachment.

Republican House leaders have refused to allow such a vote.

The House returns Thursday to debate the four articles of impeachment approved by the Judiciary Committee.

"I believe it's very unfortunate that the leadership of the House of Representatives has made a decision to reject compromise and force a vote only on impeachment and not give the members of Congress a chance to vote their conscience," Gore said.

"It is not in keeping with the wishes of the American people. It is not following the wisdom of the American people."

Gore also scoffed at renewed calls from Republicans for Clinton to resign. "Of course that is not going to happen," he said.

The president, too, said he has "no intention" of quitting and added that he is making every effort to find some middle ground with Congress. Undecided Republican moderates struggled to make a decision in the midst of intense lobbying by both sides.

"We're as conflicted as America is," said Rep. Billy Tauzin, a Louisiana Republican, one of some two dozen swing votes who will decide late this week if the House will send articles of impeachment to the Senate for trial.

Another undecided Republican, Rep. Frank Riggs of California, expressed similar frustration. In an interview with NBC television yesterday, Riggs predicted a Senate trial would be "quite a spectacle" that would "roil the capital markets and the stock markets."

One of a handful of anti-impeachment Republicans yesterday signaled a possible shift in position and asked for a face-to-face conversation with Clinton to discuss his case.

"If I had to vote today, I would vote against impeachment," said Rep. Christopher Shays. "I don't have the same level of conviction I had a week ago."

Judiciary Committee chairman Rep. Henry Hyde, a Republican from Illinois who will lead the impeachment fight on the floor, suggested Clinton's resignation would be the best way out. House Majority Leader Dick Armey and Majority Whip Tom DeLay, both from Texas, concurred.

"It rewrites the book on partisanship, the Republican leadership calling for the president to resign when he is doing the nation's business," White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said while traveling with Clinton.

The four articles of impeachment include two counts of perjury, one of obstruction of justice, and one of abuse of power in the Monica Lewinsky matter.

Puerto Rican voters rebuff statehood

By DAN PERRY

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — In rebuffing US statehood, Puerto Ricans affirmed their distinct identity and fundamental satisfaction with an in-between status that many here see as the best of both worlds.

Sunday's vote, a blow for pro-statehood Gov. Pedro Rossello, underscored the obstacles to making a US state out of a territory whose residents largely see themselves as a nation and who prize their Spanish language and Latino culture.

"We have gone to the ballot boxes and said: 'No, this country is ours,'" said San Juan Mayor Sila Calderon, the key statehood opponent. "We continue being Puerto Ricans forever. We want to live as Puerto Ricans and die as Puerto Ricans."

Formally, the winner in the non-binding referendum was "none of the above," which outpolled statehood by 50.2 percent to 46.5%.

The commonwealth party had urged a "none of the above" vote, because it objected to the ballot's commonwealth description, which was written by the statehood party and suggested Congress could revoke Puerto Ricans' US citizenship.

Rossello refused to concede defeat, arguing that most people who voted for an explicit option chose statehood.

"In my interpretation this is a victory for statehood," he said. His aides said he would employ that argument in Washington.

But that will be an extremely hard sell to the US Congress, the body that has ultimate authority over Puerto Rico's status and whose members want to see a supermajority of island voters favoring statehood before moving on the problematic idea.

The depressing reality for statehooders is that Rossello's years of crusading – and even the federal government's $1.5 billion aid package in the wake of September's Hurricane Georges – failed to persuade even half the people to vote for that option.

Simply put, Puerto Ricans value the advantages they have under the commonwealth established in 1952: They are US citizens who can travel and work and live on the mainland — but they also have symbols of sovereignty like an Olympic team.

Statehooders say it's a colonial situation, because Puerto Ricans have no vote for the US president or Congress who can send them to war.

Noting that Congress has begun to question spending $10b. a year in a territory that pays no federal taxes, Rossello also insisted that statehood would raise the island's standard of living.

Puerto Rico's per capita income of $8,000 a year is half that of the poorest state, Mississippi.

But such arguments again failed to overcome fears about statehood. Would English be imposed? Would their culture be overrun by Americana? Would they end up paying more taxes?

The statehood campaign may have been undone by a strategy that tried to persuade voters there was nothing unusual about a Spanish-speaking US state.

Its TV ads said US statehood would in fact guarantee "your flag, your language, your culture!"

Supporters of the Popular Democratic Party wave flags proclaiming their refusal to vote for any of the Puerto Rican referendum choices on Sunday. (AP)

WORLD
in brief

Algerian prime minister resigns

ALGIERS (Reuters) – Algerian Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia resigned yesterday, a presidential statement said.

Major opposition parties had demanded Ouyahia's dismissal, accusing him of having failed to stop what they call widespread cheating in favor of the main ruling National Democratic Rally party in the local elections of 1997. Foes also held him responsible for the government's failure to end rampant armed violence involving Islamist militants.

Ouyahia's resignation was widely expected. The presidential statement did not say whom President Liamine Zeroual has named to replace Ouyahia, the prime minister since December 1995.

Rwanda militia boss pleads guilty to genocide

ARUSHA, Tanzania (Reuters) – A Rwandan militia leader yesterday pleaded guilty before a UN court to charges of genocide and crimes against humanity for his role in the 1994 massacres of some 800,000 people.

Omar Serushago, a leader of the notorious Hutu Interahamwe militia in Gisenyi in northwest Rwanda, was the second defendant to plead guilty to the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda since it was set up in late 1994.

Serushago, 37, pleaded guilty to one count of genocide and three counts of crimes against humanity related to murder, extermination and torture.

Angola fighting intensifies

LISBON (Reuters) – UNITA rebels shelled the airport of Cuito in central Angola yesterday, as the country slipped deeper towards renewed all-out civil war, Portuguese news media reported.

The rebels had already surrounded Cuito, a strategically important road and rail junction, and are now seeking to capture the airport. According to the reports, tens of thousands of refugees were packed into the the city from the surrounding countryside.

32 killed in Chinese coal mine explosion

BEIJING (AP) – Thirty-two miners were killed and 10 injured in a gas explosion in a coal mine in east China's Zhejiang province, a Chinese newspaper reported yesterday.

The explosion occurred Saturday in the Changguang mine in Changxing county, the *Wenhui Bao* reported. Nine of the miners were reported to have suffered severe injuries; a 10th was reported as lightly injured.

No further details were reported.

S.Korean POWs escape after 45 years

SEOUL (Reuters) – Two South Koreans, listed as killed in action during the Korean War, have escaped from North Korea after at least 45 years in captivity, Seoul's top intelligence agency said yesterday.

The two, identified as Kim Bok-ki, 67, and Park Dong-il, 71, recently returned to South Korea via a third country, a statement from the South's Agency for National Security Planning said.

In a twist, the two men became in-laws while in captivity. Kim's second eldest son, Kim Young-ku, and Park's fourth daughter, Park Jung-shim, were confirmed to have been married in April 1991, the statement said without elaborating.

Iran moderates demand action on string of murders

By JONATHAN LYONS

TEHERAN (Reuters) - Iranian moderates yesterday blasted conservative rivals in the state security apparatus for failing to halt a string of mystery murders that has unnerved the nation and forced some secularist intellectuals into hiding.

In their first concerted response to the recent killing or disappearance of four writers and a husband-and-wife team of political dissidents, influential backers of President Mohammed Khatami said it was time for the hardliners in control of the "power ministries" to put an immediate end to the violence.

"Enough talking, arrest the murderers," said the daily *Zan*, published by Faezeh Hashemi, a leading moderate figure and a daughter of former president Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Two of the victims had been summoned in October to a revolutionary court after they tried to revive a banned authors' union, raising fears their deaths were aimed at silencing dissent.

Earlier, nationalist opposition leader Dariush Forouhar and his wife Parvaneh were murdered in their home.

No one has been charged in any of the deaths. The official IRNA news agency said Khatami had assigned a special task force to the case.

In an open letter to conservative judiciary chief Ayatollah Mohammed Yazdi, the head of a powerful grouping of pro-Khatami leftist clerics suggested hardline domestic forces may lie behind the recent murders.

"It is expected of you, as judiciary chief, with the help of the security forces... to identify, arrest and punish the culprits as soon as possible," said Mehdi Karrubi, linking the deaths to attacks on moderates by gangs of hardline toughs.

To date, the security service and other conservative-run bodies have pointed the finger at foreign enemies such as Israel and the US.

Iraq wants 'objective' UN weapons report

By DOMINIC EVANS

BAGHDAD (Reuters) – Iraq's Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed Sahaf said yesterday that weapons inspectors reporting this week on Baghdad's disarmament compliance should declare "objectively" that it had met all its obligations.

But he said Iraq had limited expectations of the report on the level of Iraqi cooperation since it let the inspectors resume work last month under threat of US air strikes.

The report, due to be submitted to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, could pave the way for a comprehensive review of Iraq's disarmament progress. Iraq says that should lead to an easing of sanctions imposed for its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

"We will wait and see. We are not pinning our hopes on it," Sahaf told reporters after addressing a students' conference. "We want objectivity which acknowledges that we have implemented all our obligations... and that the time came long ago for sanctions to be lifted."

UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) inspectors charged with scrapping Iraq's banned biological, chemical and long-range missile programs, must give Iraq a clean bill of health before the eight-year economic sanctions are lifted.

But Sahaf said they were engaged in a never-ending "vicious circle" designed to maintain those sanctions.

"There is a political intention to make it an open-ended process. It is not a disarmament process in any sense. What Iraq possessed of prohibited weapons was destroyed in 1991," he said in English.

UNSCOM, which says it believes Iraq has consistently concealed elements of retained prohibited weapons programs, had stepped up inspections this month to test Baghdad's pledge to cooperate fully with the inspection teams.

German talks on end of nuclear power set for January

BONN (AP) — Talks between the government and power companies on shutting down Germany's 19 nuclear plants will begin next month, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said yesterday.

He made the announcement after holding preliminary talks with four leading nuclear energy operators on a strategy for scrapping nuclear power.

"All participants are prepared to reach an agreement," Schroeder said. No exact date was set yet.

The Social Democrats and the environmentalist Greens took power in October calling for an end to nuclear energy in Germany, a major policy reversal for the country.

If the talks do not produce a deal after one year, the government says it intends to pass legislation setting a timetable on its own.

Schroeder, who will chair the talks, said he was confident a "sensible solution" would be found.

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A day to remember

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat was right when he said that yesterday will be "remembered in Palestinian history." President Bill Clinton's visit to Gaza is, so far, the pinnacle of Arafat's quest for legitimacy for himself and the Palestinians – overshadowing Arafat's appearance before the United Nations in 1974 and at the White House in 1993. Arafat is no longer the pariah knocking on the doors of the world to be let in, but the host to the leader of the free world in what Clinton called "a city governed by Palestinians."

For this achievement, Arafat has to thank a man he did not mention in his speech: Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Though Arafat appropriately credited the late Yitzhak Rabin for making the crucial breakthrough (to the applause of, movingly for Israelis, the assembled Palestinian leadership), it is Netanyahu who is fleshing out the nascent Palestinian state. In an ironic twist on the campaign slogan that helped bring him to power, Clinton's visit to Gaza is the latest proof that Netanyahu is "good for the Palestinians."

In a peace process that is punctuated by moments of hope and tragedy, the gathering in Gaza should be counted as one of the high points, and not just for Palestinians. From an Israeli perspective, it was heartwarming to hear Arafat describe, not just a mutual freedom from violence, but his hopes for cooperation between Palestinians and Israelis in an era of peace. Clinton was also enthusiastically applauded, not only when he spoke of Palestinian aspirations, but when he spoke of two peoples living side-by-side "forever" in the same small land.

Though the meeting did not fulfill the requirements stipulated in the PLO Covenant for its amendment – it was expressly not a meeting of the Palestinian National Council nor was it called for that purpose – it was an important step in the direction of a larger purpose: the irrevocable Palestinian acceptance of Israel's right to exist.

The problem with the peace process to date is that these moments of hope tend not to last for long. Arafat's conciliatory speech upon signing the Wye agreement was followed shortly by a call to Palestinians to ready their "rifles" to achieve their aims. This call for violence was followed, after complaints from the US and Israel, by a recommitment to non-violence, and by another conciliatory speech in Stockholm. Arafat's speech in Stockholm was particularly interesting, because it hinted that the Palestinians might accept security arrangements demanded by Israel that do not contradict Palestinian sovereignty over land.

The question, therefore, becomes which Arafat to believe – the one that speaks of a "two-state solution" and of peace for Israeli and Palestinian children, or the one who threatens violence and speaks cryptically of the temporary, tactical, peace agreements signed and broken by Mohammed and Salah a-Din. Israeli hawks and doves tend to ignore whichever face of Arafat does not fit their picture of him. For the peace process to succeed, however, Israel and the United States should recognize the reality of both sides of Arafat, and regard them as potential alternatives which he will choose between as circumstances warrant.

The only way, for example, that Arafat will cease employing riots as a pressure tactic – as he has with the recent "prisoners intifada" – is if he is not rewarded for that violence. It is unfortunate, in this context, that Clinton chose to equate the plight of children of imprisoned Palestinian terrorists and that of the children of their Israeli victims. It was also unfitting of the president to drive a wedge between the Israeli government and the Israeli people, when he stressed that the Palestinian vote was a message to the people, not the government. Clinton's impassioned call to the Palestinians to hold to the path of non-violence was welcome and necessary, but it will be directly undermined if the US works to make this latest round of Palestinian violence and incitement bear fruit.

Clinton's moving plea to the audience in Gaza for understanding the other's suffering, for each side to admit there is no "monopoly of virtue," and to create a peace process that is cooperative and not "begrudging," should be taken to heart by both Palestinians and Israelis. Unfortunately, however, such pleas are unlikely to change behavior without a demanding approach to fulfilling agreements.

The historic meeting in Gaza was rightly regarded by Netanyahu as fulfilling Israel's requirement for a public Palestinian reaffirmation of the path of peace and coexistence with Israel. But the government is also correct in insisting that the Palestinians abide by their other commitments made at Wye, particularly regarding security cooperation, before handing over more territory. The road forward may be paved partly by conciliatory speeches, but much more so by agreements kept.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NATIONAL UNITY

Sir, – Nero fiddled while Rome burned and Binyamin Netanyahu fiddles while everyone burns with indignation at his sickening performance. Clearly the man has to go. The question is who or what replaces him?

Netanyahu has shown how bad it can get, so the last thing we want is more of the same. Also we can no longer tolerate fanatic fringes wielding unwarranted power. Their policy for peace will lead us to self-destruct as a pariah state.

How ironic it is that Arabs talking peace has reduced us to a nation split and a people adrift, in danger of paralleling our ancient history, hemorrhaging in sieged Jerusalem.

The truth is that so long as Israel has no durable peace we remain in a near-emergency situation. This surely demands our best brains employed in a national unity government, dedicated to take Israel where the majority want to go, pragmatically back on the moral high ground of the Oslo Accords.

DAVID ROSE

Haifa.

PRISONER RELEASE

Sir. – Many of the Palestinian political prisoners have been convicted of conspiracy to murder, murder, or for injuring Israelis. I am very wary of releasing such prisoners.

Yet, the same "type" of prisoners were released from British jails when Israel gained its independence. The assumption was that these were really political prisoners, or prisoners of war.

Perhaps such Palestinian prisoners could be released as parts of the final-status talks, with the recognition that the Palestinian government would be responsible for the conduct of such people.

BARRY LYNN

Jerusalem.

IN POLLARD'S PLACE

Sir, – I join with President Clinton in hoping that later this week in Washington, cooler and more responsible heads will prevail over those members of Congress who maliciously seek to extract a pound of flesh from the president.

And I pray that, when President Clinton considers once again the petition for Jonathan Pollard's commutation and weighs the objections of those who vengefully seek, for their own nefarious reasons, Pollard's continued incarceration, the president will take to heart the famous dictum of the great scholar Rabbi Akiva, "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor."

DAVID KIRSHENBAUM

Beit Shemesh.

PLEASURE TO READ

Sir, – It was a pleasure to read Judy Siegel's article "Shaping the world for the blind" which describes the exciting breakthrough developed by the VirTouch Company – the Virtual System (VTS).

I am a computer professional, blind since birth, who immigrated to Israel in 1974. My associates and I have been following the pioneering work being done by VirTouch Ltd. to provide the blind and visually impaired with tactile access to computer graphics and regular alphabets in addition to braille.

The worlds of the Internet and Microsoft Windows are increasingly graphic environments. As such, tactile access to the computer is more and more important if we are to keep apace professionally. We, therefore, await the commercial release of VTS with high expectation. Surely, many more of the blind in Israel and through the world will become computer literate thanks to VTS.

MICHAEL MIKCHIN

Ramat Gan.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On December 15, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported the Arab non-confidence and boycott of the Special Inquiry Commission investigating the previous October's disturbances.

The number of trees uprooted by Arabs in Hadera District alone was 1,253 in 1933, as compared to 265 in 1931.

50 years ago: On December 15, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported from London that following a House of Commons debate, the British Government was considering extending de-facto diplomatic recognition of Israel by moving its consulate from Haifa to Tel Aviv. Neither Belgium nor Holland was prepared to recognize Israel at the present time. France declared that the Security Council's vote on Israel's application for admission to UN should wait for a final decision on the country's recognized boundaries.

Alexander Zvielli

Darkness or hope?

YOSSI BEILIN

Next Monday, the United Torah Judaism Party will submit its technical vote of no-confidence to the Knesset. There are those who believe that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will manage to "buy" one or two votes and survive that evening. He will skip from Left to Right, halt implementation of the Wye agreements for the Right and make peace for Darawshe, all at the same time.

Let's agree on early elections and stop debasing our political system

Other people believe that even Netanyahu, who has devoted the last two-and-a-half years to his own survival, appreciates – just as those around him do – that this cannot continue any more and that the moment of truth has finally arrived.

Instead of spending the next few days trying on the one hand to guess the outcome, and on the other to follow the farcical race for the extra vote, serious action must be taken to avoid further abuse of the political system and prevent a collapse of the peace process and a slide into violence.

This is my proposal:

- Likud and Labor will decide jointly on a date for early elections. The elections will be held in the spring of 1999, so that the Wye agreement can be implemented; a two-month election campaign will then be possible.
- *On Monday, UTJ will withdraw its demand for a vote of no-confidence.* The vote instead will be held on the law to disband the Knesset, after the major parties have agreed on a date for new elections.
- During the forthcoming period, the government will be ensured the support of the opposition in the event of no-confidence votes by the Right. This support will be contingent upon reasonable implementation of the Wye Memorandum.
- Amendments to the budget will be agreed upon so as to allow the government to pass it while the opposition abstains.
- A special effort will be made, perhaps with the help of the Americans, to deal with two problems which are currently troubling the parties.

1) The Palestinians will confirm their willingness to extend the interim agreement after May 4, in return for an Israeli commitment justifying this postponement and a substantial third redeployment of some 10%, rather than the 1% previously mentioned.

2). Israel will express its willingness to release security prisoners and refrain from releasing thieves and rapists.

I believe that this proposal will free us from the Catch-22 situation in which the Israeli political system is now caught.

Further progress can be made if, during the coming weeks, we can rid ourselves of the present debilitating system of direct prime-ministerial elections and hold parliamentary elections which will prevent a repetition of the spectacle in which a prime minister who does not have a Knesset majority cannot be replaced.

If on the other hand, the haggling in the Knesset continues, *both Right and Left – David Levy included – will continue to traipse* into the Prime Minister's Office, the chances of agreement with the Palestinians will become even more remote, the country will find *itself* without a budget, and political anarchy will reach new heights, from which it will be difficult to back down.

The shortest day of the year may extend the darkness in which the *Israeli political* system is trapped, but *may* also mark the beginning of its recovery.

Dry Bones

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A threat to democracy

EVELYN GORDON

Last week's landmark High Court of Justice ruling, which declared the current system of army deferments for yeshiva students illegal, has the potential to do good. Outside the haredi community, there is virtual consensus that this system should be changed. If the ruling spurs the Knesset to draft a reasonable compromise, everyone will benefit.

It may therefore seem paradoxical to say the ruling was nevertheless wrong. Yet from a legal perspective, it was untenable – and for a body whose job is to uphold the law, to degrade it into no more than the justices' whim of the moment is ultimately far more damaging than any good the decision might produce. For if the nation's chief interpreters of the law feel no need to respect it, how can ordinary people be expected to do so?

To say that last week's decision was not based on law may sound far-fetched. One of the court's most stunning achievements in recent years has been its success in persuading the public that it is merely interpreting existing law, rather than creating it. A glance at the history of this particular issue, however, shows how spurious that claim is.

The court has discussed yeshiva deferments many times. As far back as 1970, a petitioner complained that the defense minister was abusing his discretion by granting wholesale deferments to yeshiva students. The court at that time said this was a political question and therefore not justiciable (appropriate for judicial decision).

In 1981, a similar petition was filed. Once again the court found the issue non-justiciable: It lacked legal criteria by which the justices could decide, the court wrote, and it was a public issue that should be settled by non-judicial bodies.

In 1986, the court ruled on the issue again. This time, a panel led by current Supreme Court President Aharon Barak decided the issue was justiciable.

If the law is simply what 11 men and women consider "reasonable" at a given moment, why should it command our obedience?

No law had been passed in the interim to provide new legal criteria – but there were new justices, with a different legal philosophy, which held virtually no question inappropriate for the court to decide. Yet even this court dismissed the petition on its merits, saying the deferments were a legal and reasonable use of the defense minister's powers.

And what has changed in the intervening 12 years? Again, no new law has been passed.

The justices themselves said the important difference was numerical. In 1986, there were 17,017 yeshiva deferments – 5.4 percent of that year's eligible draftees. By 1998, there were 28,772 deferments, or 8% of eligible draftees. That quantitative change, Barak wrote, created a qualitative change whereby it was no longer reasonable to let the defense minister decide – an explicit decision by the Knesset was needed.

It is hard to imagine a flimsier argument than one that says 5.4% and 8% are qualitatively different.

THE ruling becomes even more incredible, however, when one considers the fact that the Knesset, far from being silent, has discussed this issue several times. Only this July, the house rejected three bills to limit yeshiva deferments. It is true that the Knesset never explicitly authorized such deferments, but it expressed its opinion amply by rejecting all efforts to change the status quo.

The real change that occurred between 1986 and 1998 had nothing to do with either the number of yeshiva deferments or the law. The difference was simply that in 1986 the court could not have gotten away with such a ruling – but in 1998 it could.

In 1986, the court was still operating in the climate of judicial restraint created during its first four decades of existence. The idea that it could – much less should – make major policy decisions was foreign to the Israeli public. Not only were political issues considered non-justiciable, but the now ubiquitous "public petitioner" was unknown. Until the mid-1980s, only someone directly harmed by a government decision could petition the court against that decision.

Since then, the law has not changed, but the court has created a new norm: Anyone can petition the court on anything at all, and no issue is beyond its purview.

Over the past 12 years, the court has declared MKs unfit to be ministers or deputy ministers, revoked an Israel Prize, reversed attorney-generals' decisions not to indict, and struck down the closure of a street on Shabbat – all with no backing in explicit written law, but merely on the grounds that these actions were "unreasonable."

Twelve years ago, the court found wholesale draft deferments for yeshiva students reasonable. Last week, it found them unreasonable – though no new law had been passed.

But if the law is no more than what 11 men and women consider "reasonable" at a given moment, why should it command our obedience? And if law is supposed to be made by our elected representatives, why should an unelected justice's ideas of reasonability have any more power than those, for instance, of Rabbi Ovadia Yosef?

Decisions like the one made last week lay the court open to these kinds of questions. And in the long run, such questions are far more dangerous to Israeli democracy than yeshiva draft deferments.

Not another inch

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Twice now in the past two years, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has given land to the Palestinians – and gotten the Israeli Right to accept the principle of territorial compromise.

Twice he has counted on administration promises that the US, as broker, would ensure Palestinian compliance with the commitments they made in exchange for land.

Twice he has been betrayed.

In January 1997, Netanyahu gave up most of Hebron, the second holiest city in Judaism. Knowing that Yasser Arafat has never kept a promise made to adversaries – whether Israeli, Lebanese, Jordanian or Palestinian – Netanyahu asked the US, which had been pressuring him to withdraw from Hebron, to pledge itself to ensure reciprocity.

The administration did, in the famous "Note for the Record," requiring the Palestinians to end anti-Israeli and antisemitic incitement, to change the Palestinian Charter to eliminate clauses rejecting Israel's existence, to reduce the size of the Palestinian police, etc.

Every single one of these promises remained a dead letter.

How do we know?

Because they reappear – as Palestinian commitments – in the Wye accord negotiated 21 months later.

This time, said the State Department, we really mean it: Israel will get these reciprocal gestures – in return for another 13 percent of the land.

Indeed, the US proposed a three-stage deal so that Israel would not be stiffed again. Rather than withdrawing in one chunk – as it did in Hebron, then finding that the Palestinians, land in hand, simply ignored their obligations – Israel would give up 2% first, then wait for Palestinian compliance; then another 5%, with a pause for Palestinian compliance; then a final 6%.

Whatever happened to American guarantees of Palestinian reciprocity?

What happened? Israel made the first withdrawal and opened the Gaza airport.

Within hours, rioting, stone-throwing and anti-Israel violence erupted on the West Bank because of discontent with Israeli prisoner releases.

In a blatant violation of the Wye (and Hebron) pledge to "prevent incitement" and prohibit "all forms of incitement," the speaker of the Palestinian legislature declared that "the leadership that threw stones" – before the peace process – "is prepared once again to throw stones in order to free the people and to free the land."

On cue, the very next day, the mob appeared, bused in from Bir Zeit University to Ramallah, and with cries of "Yahudi, Yahudi," attacked an Israeli car, dragged out an Israeli soldier and beat him savagely with stones and bricks.

MEANWHILE, Arafat has been going around since the Wye agreement telling his people and everybody else that he will declare independence in May. Very nice, except that Palestinian statehood is, under the Oslo Agreements, something that is not to be done unilaterally, but only after negotiations with Israel.

At the same time, Arafat is demanding that Israel go ahead with its 13% withdrawal.

How can Israel possibly be expected to withdraw from land in the name of an Oslo Agreement that Arafat unashamedly says he is going to tear up in five months?

The Israelis now refuse to make further withdrawals, citing the Wye rule that there must be Palestinian reciprocity for each stage of Israeli withdrawal.

Inciting violence and declaring that Oslo dies in five months are pretty obvious violations of both Wye and Oslo.

The Israelis have appealed to the administration to back them up. What has been the administration response?

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright scolded Israel that it needs to keep to its withdrawal timetable.

Another change of tune here. She is talking about a fixed timetable, whereas Wye was supposed to be not a train schedule but a phased withdrawal with each step depending on Palestinian compliance.

Whatever happened to American guarantees of reciprocity?

Again and again for five years, Arafat stands up in the White House amid pomp and credulity and says, as he did just weeks ago to great applause at the signing of Wye, "We will never go back to violence and confrontation."

Within days, within hours, he finds himself dissatisfied with Israel over this or that – and out comes the mob.

This is not "land for peace." This is land for sound bites.

The president has spent much of his trip to Israel trying to cajole Netanyahu into continuing the "process." But Netanyahu appears determined. He is prepared to incur the wrath of an administration dedicated to peace at any price – Israeli price – and desperate to produce diplomatic shows to prop up the image of its damaged boss.

But Netanyahu is through with the charade. If Arafat can, at will, turn the violence switch on and off, and turn the Oslo process itself on and off (next May: off), it is simply madness for Israel to give another inch.

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Blessed be those who rescue families

Ethiopian Jews have revived the tradition of mediation and are using it to try to repair hundreds of troubled relationships in the community. **Aryeh Dean Cohen** met a team with a sense of mission

To understand what Yosef David is all about, you have to watch his hands.

Speaking to a group, the white-bearded David spreads them wide, turns up his palms, wags a finger or moves his hands emphatically from side to side. At the end of almost every sentence, however, he clasps them together as one – a gesture that mirrors the work David and other domestic mediators do for thousands of Ethiopian immigrants, trying to keep their people together.

Under the auspices of an 11-year-old program founded by the Joint Distribution Committee-Israel called Betachin ("Our House"), teams of Ethiopian mediators called *shmagloch*, Amharic for elders, are working throughout the country. Their task: preserving the delicate fabric of family life worn down by the clash between Ethiopian traditions and the new, often harsh Israeli reality. It is work one member of the community calls "a rescue service."

The program, cosponsored by the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry in cooperation with Behalchin – the Tel Aviv-based Ethiopian Jewish Cultural Center – focuses on resolving domestic and interpersonal disputes.

Teams of three or four mediators combine knowledge of the Israeli legal system, rabbinic law and their own tradition to try to offset rising divorce rates in the community, while also resolving other issues of personal status requiring their delicate, sometimes almost magical type of mediation.

They work hand in hand with social workers, rabbinical-court representatives and lawyers; but it is their unique ability to combine their own customs with knowledge of the Israeli system that makes them successful where other efforts might fail.

IT was Yosef David who identified the need for such a service, according to Yechiel Eran, area head for the integration of Ethiopian immigrants at the JDC-Israel. Eran was interviewed last week, just prior to a ceremony in Jerusalem honoring several dozen mediators.

Eran established Betachin in 1987 with the help of community leaders to provide information and advice on family matters to the immigrants.

"Those who worked with the community initially didn't really understand the complexity of the family relations within the Ethiopian community and needed help in solving problems that arose in this area," he explained.

The affable 67-year-old David, the first person hired to work for Betachin, had come to Israel in 1954 to learn about the country, then returned to work as a teacher in the Gondar community before immigrating here in 1977.

He became troubled by increasing reports of divorce among the new immigrants. The newcomers, it transpired, did not fully comprehend the meaning of divorce here, since in the Ethiopian tradition, couples who divorced could get back together again even a few weeks later, as long as they reached agreement between them to do so.

As a result, many couples were quick to divorce here, assuming they could always get back together soon. The result was a bureaucratic – and sometimes emotional – mess.

Determined to help, David went to Eran with a proposal.

"He told me 'Why not use, in Israel, a traditional framework that was used in Ethiopia, that of mediating domestic disputes?'"

"I didn't really understand how it worked," Eran recalled, "so he told me that in Ethiopia there was a tradition among the Jews of almost never resorting to the country's legal system. Every internal community issue was dealt with by an internal legal and mediation system. Only a matter between a Jew and a non-Jew got taken to the civil courts.

"He explained that there were mediation teams called *shmagloch*, or elders, in the biblical sense of the word: people with wisdom and experience. When there was a dispute, either financial or between a couple – or even when someone wanted to avenge a death – they would come to these mediators.

"Each side would choose a mediator and [a third one] would be neutral, and they'd start a mediation process and generally reach an agreement, which they would then sign. People were chosen to make sure it was implemented; if it wasn't, there were sanctions."

Dr. Shalva Weil, an anthropologist from the National Council of Jewish Women's Research Institute for Innovation in Education at the Hebrew University, has studied the Ethiopian community extensively. She described how the mediation process operated in Ethiopia.

"If there was a dispute between husband and wife... there would then be a public mediation. They would bring all his family on one side and all her family on the other side, and they'd turn to the elders, the *shmagloch*.

"Because they're older, they're more respected because they are considered wise people in that society. They're usually the ones who decided [about the divorce] in that public meeting.

"...The emphasis was not so much on the individual, but on the family; you could only very rarely have a situation where someone would unilaterally decide that they were getting divorced.

"Everybody is rooted in a family, so the family has something to say about it. It's a much more collective-oriented society. So the Joint tried to replicate this in Israel."

(Isaac Harari)

(Isaac Harari)

(Top) Yosef David: 'Just as Aaron the Priest made peace between people, we do the same in bringing man and wife back together'; Kes Yimanu Tamayat receives a certificate recognizing his work as a mediator from the JDC-Israel's Yechiel Eran.

EXCITED about the idea, the JDC helped David set up his first team of mediators in 1988, and they began their work in Jerusalem.

"We started putting teams together. We said, let's take the elders of the community, in terms of their wisdom, not age," David explained.

"I looked for people who know things, who have life experience, discretion, who know what's good or bad."

Several *kessim* (Ethiopian spiritual leaders) were among those chosen to serve as mediators, along with some people who had filled the role in Ethiopia.

The initial work was largely among the divorced. Problems had arisen resulting from the fact that no document of divorce was granted in Ethiopian village society, making it difficult for the women to remarry here when they wanted to.

David and his fellow mediators – who had been sent by the JDC to study the Israeli civil and rabbinic legal systems – would often appear before the rabbinic courts to explain that a couple had indeed split up, despite the lack of a document attesting to it.

With time, other cases resulting from the difficult move from one culture to the other began to arise.

One was the matter of who controls money in the family, a source of tension that often leads to domestic trouble.

"In Ethiopia the man is the breadwinner," David explained. "Here, what often happens is that the man controls the money. The woman doesn't have any, so she always has to ask for money, which leads to disputes.

"Sometimes the woman goes to the social worker to complain, and demands that the government give her money. But when the social worker looks into the matter, she finds the husband has been getting his allocations. But he says he's in charge of the money – and that leads to trouble.

"What we do is bring in both husband and wife. First we give them advice on how a husband respects his wife, and a wife her husband. Then we explain that the money is not solely the husband's or solely the wife's, and that the children are their joint responsibility. Then they start to understand how a family's finances work here."

Women's changing roles in Israel are becoming a problem, agrees Weil.

"Women are becoming wage-earners, and in Ethiopian society the husbands are generally in charge of that kind of thing. As women become more independent there are more and more problems between men and women, although things weren't ideal in Ethiopia and there was a high divorce rate there."

SOME customs are more difficult to circumvent, as in the case of young girls arriving here already betrothed by their families in Ethiopia. In Ethiopian tradition, such girls are already considered bound to the man, but when they arrive in Israel they are registered with their own family, not his, and are not allowed to marry until age 18.

In many cases, teenage girls who fall into this category go off to study in a boarding school – to the dismay of their intended, who want to marry right away. Sometimes a girl decides she no longer wants to marry her betrothed, angering him to the point of violence.

In such situations, social workers often call in the mediation teams.

"We can't change the law; they have to wait until 18 to get married," David explained. "But we talk to the girl and then to the boy, hear both sides. Sometimes they decide to stay together, sometimes not.

"When they want to stay together, we ask them to maintain their relationship until she is 18, then give them permission to marry – but only if she wants to."

Multiple wives is also an issue.

David remembered the case of a man who had sent his first wife ahead of him to Israel, then brought his second wife with him when he came here.

"They both said he was theirs," said David, laughing and nodding when someone suggested such a problem might require the wisdom of Solomon to solve.

"They both said they loved him, and that he was their husband. So we had to determine his intentions. Maybe he just wanted to stay with the younger one for a few years and then go back to the older one.

"We also took the children into consideration, since he had had five with the first wife and only one with the second. Perhaps he was just looking to stay with the second wife so he could have some peace and quiet.

"We told him that an old man can't always live with a younger woman that long – she might divorce him. We suggested that he stay with his first wife, which is what he did. The other wife was allowed to find another husband."

More intimate problems sometimes require more intimate solutions. In cases where jealousy, adultery or refusal to conduct sexual relations are the issues, the mediators rely on what David will only call "more traditional approaches."

"It's a secret, but we carefully clarify what the problem is. We advise them on how to deal with it. It is a tradition that has existed for many years; those who work in this know what to do."

According to a member of the community familiar with the tradition, the treatment includes the use of mystical parables and a series of questions designed to get to the very core of the problem, usually successfully.

There are other specific rituals for the mediation process, including a preliminary blessing, in which the mediators ask God to give the parties the ability to listen properly to what the mediators say, and help them achieve *shalom bayit* (domestic harmony).

A second prayer is said at the end of the process, provided *shalom bayit* has been achieved, or that the couple has reached agreement on a divorce settlement. It is recited by a *kes*, if there is one on the team, but it can be recited by any of the mediators.

Generally there are three mediators, with a fourth selected to write down the proceedings. Participants get an explanation about the mediation process, and then present their case. Sometimes they are heard separately, but eventually have to face each other.

Agreements are drawn up in Amharic, translated into Hebrew and passed on to the relevant authorities. An average of three meetings is required, and David claims a 70% success rate.

WOMEN are not forbidden to be mediators, but to date only Herut Takala, 52, of Hadera serves in that capacity. Takala, a nurse by profession, was imprisoned in Ethiopia for her efforts to bring Jews here, and is well known and loved in the community.

"They thought it was important for there to also be a woman involved," she explained. "A woman better understands the problems of a woman.

"There are many problems women face at home, since most of them are there all the time. She has problems with the children. Many times the women don't want to talk about their problems in front of a man. Sometimes they're embarrassed. That's why they selected me."

Male mediators frequently call her to consult, Takala says.

Eliahu Yeine, who's been working as a mediator in Nazareth for five years, says that while the mediation is hard work, he doesn't worry.

"I look at the result... What's hard is that there are conflicts because of the differences in lifestyle. It's difficult to watch what were once proud families starting to fall apart.

"I don't mind working night and day to ensure that I can rescue a family or a marriage."

Yeine says that in his dealings with couples, "We explain what marriage is all about. It's not just anything, a marriage. It began with Adam and Eve, with Abraham and Sarah.

"We tell them we know it's not easy, and that he might not want to be with her or vice versa, but what about the children?

"We monitor the situation for a period, and try to help. Believe me, with just a few words we can get them back together. We follow up the situation and check up on them by telephone."

OTHER disputes handled by the mediators include those between parents and children, which are often clashes over clothing or behavior.

Yeine says the younger generation is beginning to understand just how important the mediation effort is.

"My 12-year-old son asked me about *shalom bayit*. I told him we were in exile in Ethiopia, and we came back to our home, *betachin*, and now we are repairing homes that might be in danger of falling apart. He said he thinks what we're doing is interesting and important.

Although mediators are paid for their efforts, the biggest reward is their success in preventing disputes, divorce or family break-ups.

Yeine recalls being invited to the home of a couple whom he had helped.

"It was as if they were rebuilding their home," he said, "I feel I saved it from falling apart."

Regional mediation teams work in Haifa, Rishon Lezion, Jerusalem and Beersheba, while local ones, with or without the support of Betachin, have been springing up all over.

Betachin members are quick to visit groups of new arrivals to explain the mediation process. In the case of large groups, they suggest setting up a local team to handle disputes, as occurred at Jerusalem's Givat Hamatos caravan site recently, when a large group of Ethiopian immigrants arrived there.

So far, some 330 cases have been handled this year, David says, and in some places there is a waiting list for meetings. Seventy-one couples were reconciled, 43 reached divorce agreements, 70 are still receiving counseling. Eighty individuals received advice, and 37 couples didn't reach agreement – at least under the mediators' auspices. Twenty-seven couples failed to show up for appointments, so their cases are also unresolved.

David says he has been approached by several lawyers, Israeli feminists and others about setting up similar mediation teams in the general population.

AT the ceremony honoring the mediators, Eran thanked the community for giving the Joint the privilege of preserving the mediation custom and adapting it to Israel. He praised the mediators for "saving members of the community pain and suffering, and making it easier for our services, which would have found it difficult to deal with these problems."

Rivka Weissberg of the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry, praised the mediators for sensing what the community needs, and for their flexibility.

"It's not like someone from outside forcing something on them," she said. "You understand how they live and how one can't just do away with the customs that you have, and which are so important to you."

David, with characteristic humility and wisdom, wanted to say his own thanks to the JDC for "establishing a cornerstone for *shalom bayit*, good relations between man and wife, and between parent and child."

David says that when the mediators utter the final blessing of the mediation process between a couple, thanking God for being given the ability to do their job well, blessing the participants for accepting their advice, and wishing them a long life together, he and his mediators "feel two things.

"One, we are happy that we have succeeded in keeping this couple together. The second is that we thank God that just as Aaron the Priest made peace between people, we have done the same in bringing man and wife back together."

(Isaac Harari)

(Top) Eliahu Yeine: 'I don't mind working night and day to rescue a family or a marriage'; to date, nurse Herut Takala, 52, (above) is the only woman mediator.

(Isaac Harari)

Baruch Akiva is the mediation team's translator and registrar.

Hanukka gets hip

'The hippest, hottest, most outrageous collection of stories, games, interviews and activities ever compiled for Jewish kids.' **Bill Broadway** reports on Sparks!, a Web site created by a Reconstructionist rabbi

What's this? The Israelites' exodus from Egypt has become a Hanukka story?

Rabbi Mark Levine of Silver Spring, Md., treats it that way on Sparks!, an educational Web site he created to provide what is described as "the hippest, hottest, most outrageous collection of stories, articles, games, interviews and activities ever compiled for Jewish kids."

His electronic magazine is one of an increasing number of Internet sites developed in recent months that are devoted to Jewish life and culture. Levine's site is designed for children aged nine to 13, while others try to appeal to singles, young adults with families, or what the Jewish community calls "marginal Jews."

Most Internet offerings seek new ways of presenting traditional teachings and concepts, including the origin and purpose of such holidays as Hanukka.

Concerning the miracle of the menora, which burned for eight days during the Temple's reconsecration though it had only one day's supply of oil, Levine, 46, says he believes Jewish children find the story of the oil "no longer fascinating" by the time they are 12 or 13.

So he uses other methods such as contemporary stories and interactive opinion forums to convey the reality and importance of miracles.

"Our site, quite frankly, offers a different perspective to draw kids in more," said Levine, who was ordained in the modern Jewish movement known as Reconstructionism and attends a Conservative synagogue in Potomac, Md.

"We try to be more flashy and hip than overtly religious, [but with] an underpinning of the goals and values of Judaism."

That includes taking advantage of popular cultural offerings.

Go to the electronic magazine's home page (**www.sparksmag.com**), and you'll find a still shot of the Sphinx from *The Prince of Egypt*, DreamWorks' widely promoted animated film that opens in the US this week.

Click on the picture, and up pops an orange screen with blue, yellow and green type and Levine's review of this "awesome new flick" about Moses leading his people from servitude under the Egyptian Pharaoh. The review touts a scene that will "hum your dinger" and a song that will "bust your gut."

The film, Levine's review continues, is an "incredible story about freedom, faith, and the miracles of God."

IT'S the miracle part – especially Moses's parting of the Red Sea – that makes the story appropriate for Hanukka, Levine said.

To enhance the www.prince-of-egypt.com experience, Sparks! includes a link to the film's Web site (**www.prince-of-egypt.com**) and direct access to the DreamWorks study guide for Jews – one of seven developed for different religious orientations.

Avoiding what he calls "the mechanics of how to celebrate Hanukka," Levine also presents the latest episode in the site's ongoing "Hevrah Capers," featuring paintings by Phillip Ratner, an artist whose work appears in the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and many Washington-area synagogues.

Hevrah, which means a group of friends, follows the exploits of Molly, a seventh-grader who wears hearing aids and carries a magic pad she received as a Hanukka gift.

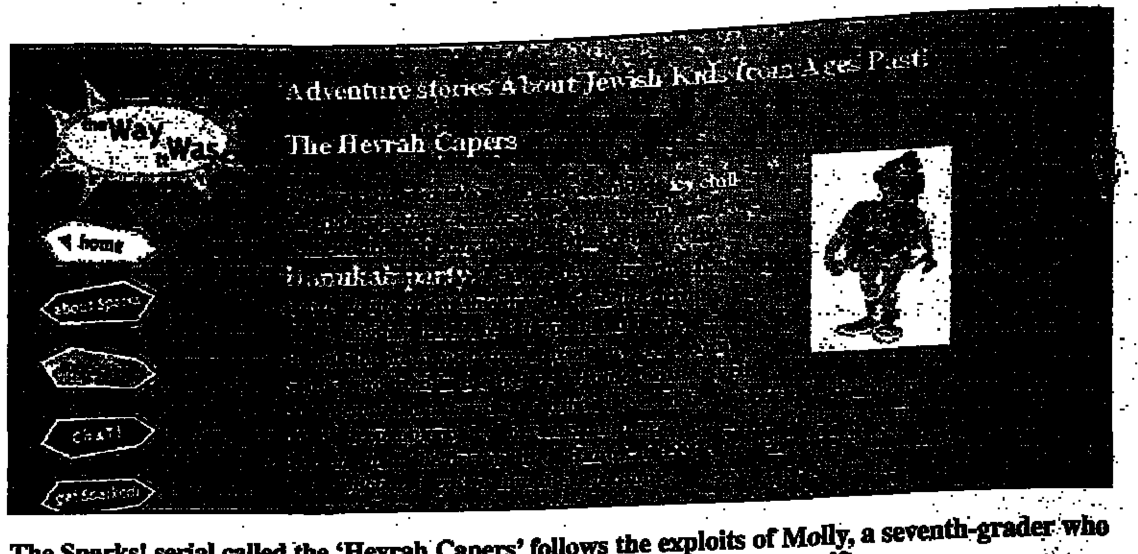
In the Hanukka installment of the "Hevrah Capers," Molly's magical drawing pad is stolen, and she and her friends are unable to get it back until they learn what Levine calls "the essential lesson of the holiday."

That lesson, he said, is that a small group of dedicated individuals, with God on their side, can overcome a far more powerful force.

One of Molly's buddies, 11-year-old Jesse, figures out the similarities between the miracle of the Exodus and the Maccabee victory over the Greeks.

In both instances, Jesse explains, the righteous few defeat the many "not by might, and not by power, but by [God's] spirit alone."

(The Washington Post)



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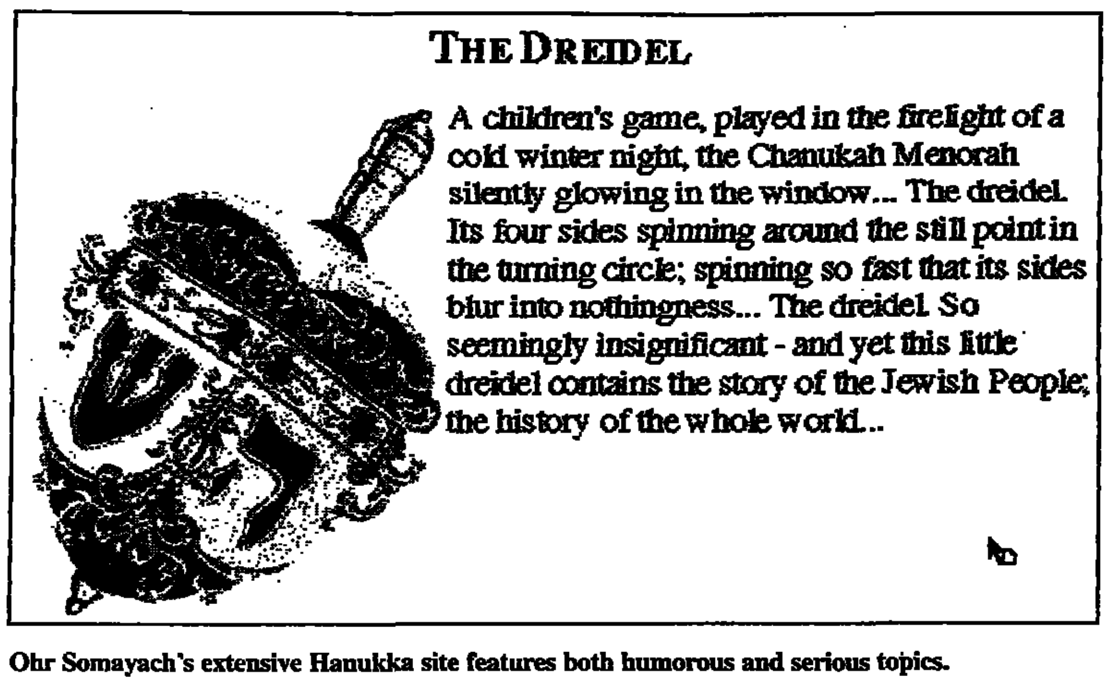

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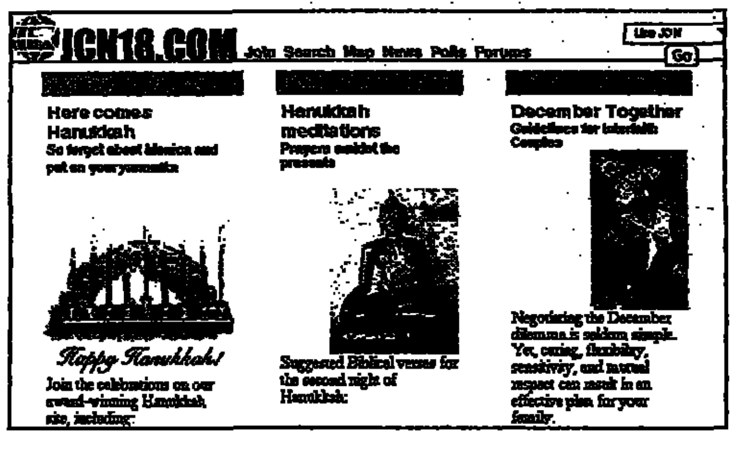
Ohr Somayach's extensive Hanukka site features both humorous and serious topics.



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Jewish Communication Network is an on-line publishing center that sets up and operates Jewish Web sites.

A site for every night

The following are selected Web sites with Hanukka-related items:

- Aish HaTorah (www.aish.edu). Aish HaTorah is a Jerusalem-based international outreach program with a new center in Rockville, Md. The Web site offers traditional holiday instruction and music and lyrics to favorite Hanukka songs, including "Hanukka, Oh Hanukka" and "I Have a Little Dreidel."
- ClickonJudaism (clickonJudaism.org). This new Internet page for people in their 20s and 30s was created by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the synagogue arm of the Reform movement. It is designed for Jews "who are well-educated and media-savvy, but not necessarily engaged with organized Jewish life," site editor Rabbi Hara Person said in a statement.

Celebrating Hanukka may be the place to start for those who are interested in "getting to the heart of Judaism," according to an article, "Why Be Jewish?"

- Interfaith Family (www.interfaithfamily.com). Introduced last month, this Internet magazine examines a range of issues for Jews with non-Jewish spouses, including how to celebrate their respective holidays.

For Hanukka, typical discussions include: Is it OK for children being raised Jewish to visit Santa at the mall or sing Christmas carols? Why is having a Christmas tree an issue? Will celebrating with Christian grandparents undermine their Jewish identity? How can one tell in-laws to give only Hanukka gifts?

Interfaith Family is a publication of Jewish Family & Life! (www.jewishfamily.com). The Boston company also publishes Jewish Holidays (www.JewishHolidays.com) and Jewish Blessings (www.JewishBlessings.com), both of which have sections on Hanukka.

- Jewish Communication Network (www.jcn18.com). This New York-based company is an on-line publishing center that sets up and operates Jewish Web sites for itself and other organizations.

The network is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, which represents the largest constituency of Jews in the US, and Israel's Ministry of Tourism.

Three years ago, it introduced the first "virtual dreidel" on the Internet, and this year it offers another innovation, the "Hanukka Haggada," modeled on the narrative read at the Pessah seder.

- Mishpacha (www.mishpacha.org). This site, which officially came on line December 1, calls itself a "virtual community for real Jewish families."

By "real" it means the thousands of Jewish parents who have never affiliated with a synagogue or temple, or somehow lost their way, according to the home page introduction. By "virtual community" it means a place where like-thinking families without congregational affiliation can meet on-line to encounter each other and their Jewish identities.

The site offers the basics of Hanukka history and tradition, including specifics of ritual observance and appropriate gift ideas.

- Ohr Somayach Interactive (www.ohr.org.il). Ohr Somayach is a college in Jerusalem with branches throughout the world. Its extensive Hanukka site features both humorous and serious topics: "Top 10 Stupid Places to Light Your Hanukka Menorah," "Blessings Over the Candles," "Obligation to Light During Air Travel" and "Ode on a Jewish Urn."

Ohr Somayach's host site, Virtual Jerusalem (www.virtual.co.il), claims to be "the Internet's largest source for Jewish and Israel-related content" and offers its own interactive holiday features involving the latest graphics, sound, video and animation.

- Virtual Hanukka (www.chanukah98.com). This exclusively Hanukka Web page was created last year with practicing and non-practicing Jews in mind, said Rabbi Levi Shemtov, director of the Washington office of the American Friends of Lubavitch.

(The Washington Post)

An old lapse has shattered my marriage

Dear Ruthie

Ruthie Blum

Dear Ruthie,

I am a happily married man of 70. Twenty years ago I did something I regretted very much at the time, but had nearly forgotten. I spent the night with my wife's business partner and close friend, an attractive woman who was going through an unpleasant divorce and came to me for legal advice (I am an attorney).

Because of our terrible guilt feelings and mutual love for my wife, we vowed we would never let it happen again – and never utter a word about it.

My problem now is very serious: My wife had a nasty fight with her partner over their joint business, and, while hashing out the financial details of the dissolution of the partnership, the ugly truth came out. I suppose it was her partner's way of taking revenge.

My wife, needless to say, was horrified – though at first she wasn't entirely certain her partner was telling the truth. When she confronted me I know I could have denied it, but I felt I owed it to her at least to admit my guilt. Now I am not so sure I did the right thing.

As soon as I "came clean," my wife kicked me out of the house. I tried to reason with her; after all, we have been married for 43 years, and this was the only time I have ever slept with another woman. And it only happened once.

I realize that my choice of woman was unfortunate. But I love my wife, and do not want to leave her.

I am in a hotel right now, sick about this whole thing. How can I win back my wife's trust?

Heartsick Husband
Somewhere in the US

Dear Heartsick,

Though it is possible that you will not be able to regain your wife's trust, it is certainly worth a try.

First, however, you must take a long, hard look at your marriage and be as honest with yourself as possible about how "happy" it has been. Then you must put yourself in your wife's shoes to achieve genuine empathy with what she is experiencing right now.

Without undergoing some serious introspection, you may find that any attempt to convince your wife of your devotion will fall on deaf ears.

Though your only incident of adultery was a one-night stand, your choice of woman was, as you say, "unfortunate." But was it an accident?

Consider the possibility that something in the partnership between your wife and this woman troubled you. Maybe you resented the place she held in your wife's affections and esteem.

Could it be that your little digression was a way of lashing out at both of them?

Also consider that, though the affair was never repeated, you and your "partner-in-crime" shared a vow, then kept a 20-year secret. Your wife may feel that this alone is reason to kick you out of the house. Coupled with the fact that the whole thing emerged while she and the other woman were engaged in financial and emotional warfare, it may constitute grounds for never speaking to you again.

Your wife is feeling betrayed from all directions. Her partner and close friend has turned out to be someone who not only is against her now, but slept with her husband 20 years ago and kept it a secret. Her husband of 43 years has turned out to be someone who not only kept a secret from her for 20 years, but shared it with "the enemy." Now that her partnership with this "enemy" is dissolving, she must feel that her partnership with you is dissolving as well.

Keeping all of this in mind, if you really wish to return home you must make it clear to your wife that, unlike her business partner, *you* are there to stay. Doing this may take time and patience, but if it is what you really want, you should be willing to work at it.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, Jerusalem 91000. For e-mail: ruthie@jpost.co.il ('Dear Ruthie' also appears in **In Jerusalem** ***and in*** **City Lights** ***on Fridays.)***

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Channel 1 searches for Amy

By BARRY DAVIS

In March 1974, 17-year-old Amy Billig left her house in Coconut Grove, Florida, for her father's art gallery less than a kilometer away. She never arrived, and has not been seen since. Channel 1's BBC documentary, *The True Story: Searching for Amy* (tonight at 10:10), follows Sue Billig's obsessive quest to find her daughter.

Everyone involved in the search for Amy seems to be emotionally involved. Frank Rabino, who the narrator says was then "one of Florida's toughest private eyes" – and is now a top attorney – says Amy was a normal, well-adjusted teenager. But, why would a 17-year-old girl with seemingly no serious social or familial problems fall prey to a vicious gang of Florida bikers, appropriately called The Outlaws?

Sue perfunctorily scotches any suspicion that Amy was involved in the local drug scene. The narrator immediately and unsentimentally puts this statement in its proper perspective by pointing out that parents don't always know as much as they think they do about their teenage offspring. This is graphically illustrated with early 1970s footage of "flower power" teenagers passing joints around and – shock! horror! – couples kissing in public.

Jack Calbar, the senior Miami homicide law officer in charge of Amy's case at the time, concurs that times have indeed changed, and that the teenager of the 1990s is much more streetwise than his or her counterpart of the '60s or '70s.

Rabino, the former private eye, also believes that Amy was an innocent teenager living in a naive, pre-computer, pre-global-village era.

So, what really happened to Amy? Was she abducted? Did she abscond of her own volition? Is she still alive? Our hopes that Sue may eventually find her daughter in good health fluctuate with the evidence. A silhouetted aging ex-biker explains that bikers employ all sorts of nefarious means to keep someone captive.

Suddenly, Sue is given hope of a genuine lead when a biker by the name of Paul Branch contacts her. He agrees to meet her and tells her that Amy had been "his girl" before he passed her on to another biker. Nasty stuff emerges as Branch is subsequently brutally punished by a biker gang for revealing information to Sue. But we still don't know if Branch was telling the truth. There is no hard evidence to speak of.

The search for Amy takes its toll on Sue and husband Ned – both have heart attacks. Sue is subjected to numerous hoax phone calls and, amazingly, is harassed by a telephone stalker for 20 years. He verbally abuses Sue and claims to be having a sexual relationship with Amy. Eventually the stalker is caught and brought to trial but declares he has nothing to do with Amy's case. But is this true?

In a diary entry just prior to her disappearance, Amy talks of running away to South America with a man named Hank. The stalker is a high-ranking customs official called Hank, and he was about to be posted to South America. This evidence is compounded by the discovery of Amy's camera a few days after she disappeared – two of the photos feature a van which was the same type and color as the vehicle used by Hank at the time.

Then, in 1992, new evidence turns up in England when a private eye is offered the sexual services of a woman by a biker named Doughnut. When asked for details about the woman, Doughnut provides the sleuth with accurate information about Amy's past in Florida. As luck would have it, the private eye occasionally worked with a 77-year-old full-time professional counterpart from Florida called Virginia Snyder. Snyder conveys the information to Sue, who sets off for Cornwall.

She seems to be getting closer to Amy as she visits places where bikers have passed through and meets up with the members of a bikers club – none of whom are "criminal types." However, her trip to England is inconclusive and she, regretfully, returns to Florida none the wiser.

Just 10 days after her return home, Sue receives word that Paul Branch has died and she leaves for the Appalachian Mountains to meet Branch's widow Theresa. It is here that Sue finally hears evidence which convinces her of Amy's fate, as Theresa tells her what her late husband revealed to her on his deathbed "when he had nothing to lose."

So, Sue eventually finds "closure" but remains stoically positive. She says that the whole documentary venture "was meant to be," adding that BBC producers Alex McCall and Desmond Wilcox had provided her with "the tools to find my child."

Miami cop Jack Calbar says that teenagers of the 1990s are more streetwise than those of the past.

The gaiety of Spanish baroque

Concert Roundup

Hardly known gems from the Spanish baroque were presented by Spain's Al Ayre Espanol ensemble, conducted by Eduardo Lopez Banzo, in the Authentica series.

What contributes a unique, lighthearted Spanish flavour to this music is the castanets, even in some sacred-music works – though not in all of them.

Al Ayre Español
Authentica series
Spanish baroque vocal and instrumental works
Jerusalem Theater
December 5

Another quality that sets the Spanish baroque music apart from the rest of Europe is its vivaciousness, occasional humor, even in *Passacalles* and church cantatas. It is also characterized by an almost entire lack of Central European solemnity and pomposity – except for Jose de Torres's appropriately mournful *Villancico de Misserere*.

This almost all-pervading gaiety is not altogether surprising, since much of the music is derived from villancicos – lively and exuberant folk dances. And although it is in a highly stylized guise, it nevertheless does not dilute their original liveliness. The use of period instruments adds a touch of intimacy, not at the expense of the music's captivating sprightliness.

It was in this spirit that the Spaniards rendered their delightful program faithful to style, good-humoredly, and perfectly polished.

Ury Eppstein

The Israel Camerata
"New Beginnings"
Concert-lecture
Jerusalem Theater
December 6

The Israel Camerata's new, retrospective concert-lecture series of 20th-century music was launched under the heading "New Beginnings" by Tomer Lev, lecturer, pianist, and series editor.

To highlight the revolutionary change of direction – from the former, classic-romantic, common denominators of tonality and emotional expression to diverse novel techniques, substituting universal human emotions by individualist tendencies – five piano pieces and two orchestral works were selected.

Debussy represented the break from emotionalism to decorativeness in his *Reflets dans l'eau*. The piano as a percussive, and no longer melodic, harmonic instrument was featured in Prokofiev's *Suggestion Diabolique*.

The divorce from tonality in favour of an egalitarian atonality was demonstrated by Schoenberg's Suite op. 25.

Piano duos, with Naomi Lev, heralded an enlargement of the tonal palette, with a diminishing of intervals from half-tones to quarter-tones in Charles Ives's *Quarter-Tone Pieces*, and music as a vehicle for irony and wit, in Eric Satie's *Morceaux en forme de poire*.

On the orchestral level, under Avner Biron's direction, the pouring of new, rhythmical elements into old, classical forms could be experienced in Stravinsky's Concerto for Orchestra in D.

A 20th-century masterpiece, Bartok's *Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta*, was the evening's crowning glory.

Virtuoso popularizer Lev's well-chosen formulations and carefully structured comments contributed much to open the audience's minds and ears to this still largely unfamiliar music. A more rigorous streamlining of the lecture, and keeping it within a reasonable timing in proportion with the event's length, might keep the listeners' attention more alert in the series' subsequent concerts.

Ury Eppstein

IPO Plays
Bartok,
Prokofiev
and Brahms
Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv
December 2

Christoph von Dohnany brought an almost forgotten central European aesthetic to the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in a concert that reminded one and all that pure music-making with no gimmicks is still probably the best way to perform classical music.

Under Von Dohnany's fiery and assured baton, the IPO performed with zest and elan and presented Bartok's *Divertimento for String Orchestra* in a scorching fashion, providing some of the best playing the IPO strings have generated in recent history.

Von Dohnany does not interpret the music, he plays it with the orchestra, he breathes fire and excitement into it. His hands are very clear; he does not opt for external gestures on the podium, only the most essential and that is more than enough.

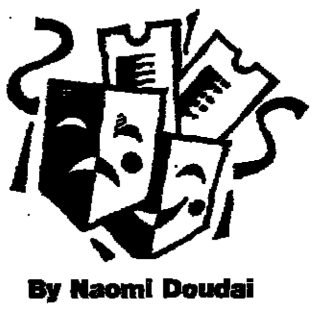
In this all-orchestral program, the IPO shone in Brahms's Second Symphony which was one of the most perfect and powerful renditions of the symphony the orchestra has played in a long time. The gavotte in Prokofiev's First Symphony was breathtaking.

All told, the German maestro gave the audience a refined musical evening in which the IPO played with power, presence and conviction.

Michael Ajzenstadt

Costello the Kiwi

Theater Roundup



By Naomi Doudai

Tantamount to total theater, Tim Balme's one-man show *Jimmy Costello* is far from being a mere monodrama. A racy, roisterous performance brimming with wry, laconic, self-deprecating humor, acrobatic movement and sizzling anecdote, it raises the genre from solo self-expression to all-encompassing drama.

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Director Simon Bennet enriches the mode with a symphony of sound, set, and lighting effects that add a new dimension to TheaterNetto. These subtly complement the intensity and versatility of an extraordinary actor.

The protagonist is Jimmy Costello – convicted car thief, miscreant hero, symbolic underdog adored by New Zealand society for his multiple and audacious escapes from prison and police.

Tim Balme's elastic face and rubbery physique depict him with panache. His portrayal of the amazing exploits of this impudent free spirit are done with verve as well as compassion. His is the canonization of a resourceful and rebellious individual shackled and frustrated by the boredom and stagnation of his sheep-rearing milieu.

In the course of less than two hours, Balme populates his stage with a world of vibrant local characters, unfolding a view of the lower strata of New Zealand society with deep sensitivity and sympathy.

LIKE Benigni's recent film *La Vita Bella*, *The Thousandth Night* by Carol Wolf is a wryly wrought comedy imposed on a grim Holocaust background. Guy de Bonheur is a French actor caught on the way to Buchenwald in a railway station crawling with gendarmes. Emulating Sheherezade and the Arabian Nights, in order to save his life he engages their attention with a non-stop performance of "a thousand" exotic tales.

In an elegant and deeply moving performance Ron Campbell combines his artistry as a highly gifted mime with outstanding histrionic and puppetry skills (the scene with a couple of hand-puppets is superb).

Directed by Jessica Kubzansky it lends deep sensitivity to a demanding subject.

Projecting the multiple voices and body movements of a series of personae, not least among whom are a troupe of dying donkeys and proudly prancing horses, he brings to life a world of sultans and their courts with grace and charm. But in the background the threat of impending doom is never absent. The angst behind the storyteller's mask is slowly seen to emerge – though never with excessive pain or pathos. The drama develops with the incrementing threat of the Gestapo subtly concealed behind the ever-smiling facade of the dissembling hero. The piece stands out as a different but no less deeply felt approach to the Holocaust.

SHAKESPEARE'S Villains-written, directed and performed by Steven Berkoff could be entitled Shakespeare Sanitized and Satirized by a veteran Stand-Up Comedian. Berkoff, hitherto a highly respected member of the serious theater fraternity, here blazons his versatility with a self-indulgent bash at the Bard that is an exercise in psycho-moral sanctimony.

To the accompaniment of an interminable blaze of wit and wisecracks he undoubtedly scores at the level of music-hall entertainer. His descent into the lowest of low comedy sends the audience into unstoppable gales of laughter and testifies to his overwhelming success in this new role.

To sustain a compulsive, highly personal patter for almost two hours with engaging eloquence is a feat in itself. But to cheapen his craft with facetious parodies of Iago, Lady Macbeth or Hamlet – in his own eccentric interpretations of Shakespeare – marks a surrender to his private demons and hatreds.

For Berkoff emerges here as a hater of mankind – and maybe a self-hater too. His Jew-hating Stürmer portrait of Shylock as a cringing East End Yid complete with Whitechapel accent would seem to illustrate that.

Heartbreak never sounded so good

In Tune

By David Brinn

The contrast was striking to anyone who paid attention to this year's Academy Awards, broadcast during the performances for Best Song.

XO
Elliott Smith
(Hed Artzi)

WHO CARES A LOT?
Faith No More
(Helicon)

THE BEST OF M PEOPLE
M People
(Hed Artzi)

Amid the lavish, long-gowned orchestrated production numbers by the likes of Celine Dion, one scruffy folksinger named Elliott Smith walked out with nothing but his acoustic guitar and uncombed hair.

Smith emerged from years of obscurity to pen and perform several striking songs on the soundtrack to *Good Will Hunting*, including the Oscar-nominated "Miss Misery."

On his official debut, *XO*, he delivers all the promise of his moment in the Hollywood glitter and more.

Sounding like he internalized every song that the mid-'60s versions of the Beatles and the Beach Boys recorded, with a little Todd Rundgren thrown in for extra seasoning, Smith builds on those touchstones to create something totally unexpected and striking.

His lilting vocals and bouncing, comfortable melodies are propelled forward by adventurous pop arrangements including well-placed horns, strings and harmonies, as well as brash touches that give away his indie-rock affinity.

But the real treat is in the juxtaposition of that uplifting, intricate music against dark lyrics about love lost, failure and lack of direction.

Smith brings you right down in the dumps with him and then pulls you out with that sunny tunefulness.

Idiosyncratic and intimate, *XO* is a major statement by a new major talent. Heartbreak never sounded so good.

FROM a palette of rock, rap and funk, Faith No More has painted with a broad stroke across the alternative scene for the last decade.

Featuring outrageous stage antics and often dumbing down to its audience, the San Francisco-based band, which broke up this year, boasted a huge cult following, including one here, based on an appearance a couple of years ago.

Combining Beastie Boys irreverence, Ramones street smarts, and a grudging nod to '70s progressive rock dinosaurs like Styx, Faith No More followed no rules.

As a result, their records were wildly erratic. Luckily *Who Cares A Lot*, a posthumous 15-song collection, captures the band at its raucous best.

The genre bending can be vexing, but the band members, especially lyricist and vocalist Mike Patton, possess real talent which seeps through amid even the more sophomoric material.

No matter how they were labeled, Faith No More will be missed, if only for their rock 'n' roll attitude. Instead of writing and playing with one ear to the charts, they did it for the laughs and the free beer.

POSSESSING one of pop's most distinctive voices, Heather Small and M People have quietly nailed a string of top-ten hits over their eight-year career.

Smooth, soul-based pop that never offers more than it can produce, M People is your basic run-of-the mill Britpop.

But besides Small's deep, crackling baritone which recalls a giddy Joan Armatrading, the band is faceless, with most songs indistinguishable. If disco-ized versions of "Itchycoo Park" and The Doobie Brothers' "What A Fool Believes" is your idea of a good time, then The Best of M People can deliver the goods. Otherwise the best of this group can be melted down into a couple of tracks.

Elliott Smith's 'XO' is a major statement by an exciting new talent.

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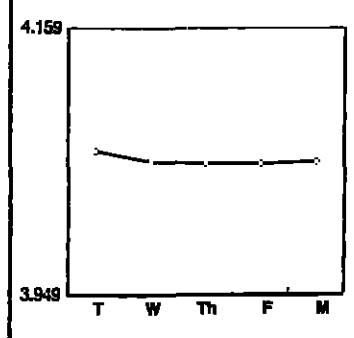

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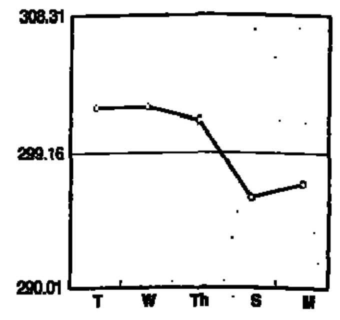

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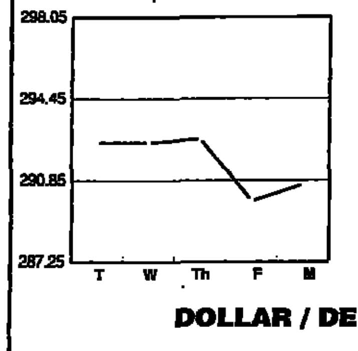

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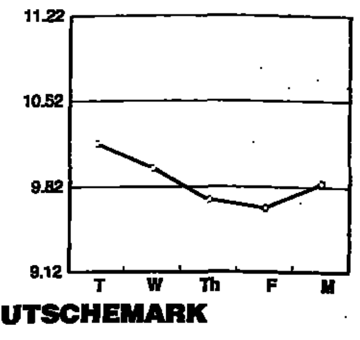

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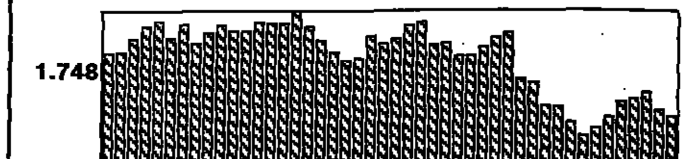

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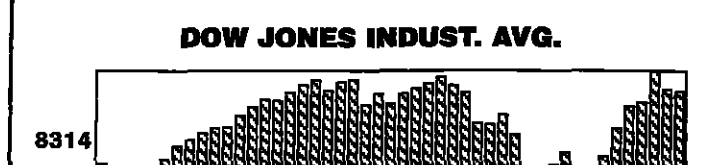

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Trade deficit with EU shrinks $1.1b.

The trade deficit with the European Union shrank $1.1 billion during the first 11 months of the year to $6.62b., down 20 percent on the equivalent figure between January and November 1997, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday. The overall trade deficit in November totalled $412 million, with imports costing $2.27b. and exports bringing in $1.86b.

Since the start of the year the deficit has been $5.3b., compared to $7b. by the same point last year. The decline of the deficit is the result of both increased exports to $19.3b. and fewer exports ($24.6b.) during the first 11 months. *David Zev Harris*

Matav invests $11m. in digital network

Matav-Cable Systems Media yesterday announced that it will purchase an advanced digital network from London-based NDS and digital converters from Samsung Electro Mechanics Co. of Korea for some $11 million.

The cable television supplier said the new system will enable it to provide its subscribers with hundreds of broadcast channels and additional services.

The recent move is part of the preparations of cable companies for rising competition in the field of multi-channel television broadcasting.

Earlier this month, three groups applied for licenses to offer digital broadcast satellite services. DBS services could be offered to the public as soon as next year. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

New $74m. option to boost C&W stake in Bezeq to 20%

By DAN GERSTENFELD

UK-based Cable & Wireless yesterday said it has received an option from US investment house Merrill Lynch & Co. to acquire an additional three percent of Bezeq Israel Telecom for $74.1 million plus interest.

Under the terms of the agreement the British telecom company will buy the stake for $3.28 per share, which is some 9% higher than Bezeq's closing price on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday after the share rose 3%.

In July, C&W completed a similar deal to purchase a 4.15% stake in the state-controlled telecom monopoly from HSBC Investment Bank, for some $102m., or $3.3 per share. HSBC has also purchased the shares from Merrill Lynch.

Earlier this year, Communications Minister Limor Livnat authorized C&W to increase its stake in Bezeq from 10.2% to 13%. It then purchased a 2.5% stake from Merrill Lynch for $63m., reflecting a price of $3.3 per share.

At that time, Livnat also gave C&W permission to increase its holdings to 20% after August 1999. It is therefore believed that C&W will exercise the option next year after it receives the government's approval.

Exercising both options will allow C&W to control close to 20% of Bezeq.

Merrill Lynch, the world's largest equities underwriter, purchased its shares of Bezeq a year-and-a-half ago as part of a deal in which it acquired a 12.5% stake in Bezeq from the government for $250m. Merrill Lynch paid an average price of about $2.6 per share.

When Merrill Lynch sold its holdings in Bezeq to HSBC it transferred $5m. to the government, according to the agreement signed with the Government Companies Authority, and it is also expected to transfer part of its profit to the Treasury now.

The government still holds 58.4% of the phone monopoly, with the remaining, non-C&W shares, traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

The British telecommunications giant started expressing interest in Bezeq in 1995, when it purchased a 10.02% stake by buying stocks on the open market in a move which caught the Rabin government by surprise.

Egypt gas to save us $150m. annually - expert

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

Israel would save at least $150 million a year should it purchase natural gas from Egypt, industry expert Amit Mor said yesterday.

One of the country's leading authorities on energy and the environment, Mor said some $100m. would be saved directly. The remainder would be the result of reduced social and environmental costs, which are currently associated with heavy fuel oil-fired power stations, and amount to $50m. "at the very least."

The National Infrastructure Ministry is currently working to secure the country's energy supplies well into the next century.

Speaking at a conference organized by the Environment Ministry, Mor said the import of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from any one of a number of potential suppliers – including Nigeria, Algeria, Qatar and Norway – would be prohibitively expensive. The only cost-effective way to move to a more efficient, environmentally-friendly energy supply is to transport natural gas via pipeline from Egypt.

"The cost of transporting LNG means it will not find a sufficient market to replace oil," said Mor.

Liquefying gas allows it to be highly condensed and therefore far easier to transport. However, the initial costs of establishing liquefaction and the subsequent regasification plants is some $3 billion.

Mor said the construction costs associated with a 230-kilometer pipeline from Port Said to Ashdod would be closer to $200m.

Not only is natural gas a cheaper proposition it is far more environmentally friendly than oil and coal, he added. Natural gas is virtually sulphur-free, while the Israel Electric Corporation has to go to tremendous lengths to reduce the sulphur emissions from its coal-fired power plants.

Former Bezeq CEO may be indicted for price-fixing

By DAN GERSTENFELD and Globes

The Antitrust Authority is expected to indict a former Bezeq CEO for being involved in an alleged cartel between Tadiran and Telrad Telecommunication & Electronic Industries, according to sources close to the investigation.

Authority Director-General David Tadmor announced he has recommended indictments against senior managers in Bezeq Israel Telecom, Tadiran, Telrad, and Koor Industries.

Former managers at these companies are being accused of fixing the prices of switchboards supplied to Bezeq. The results of the investigation –which started a year ago following a report in the financial daily *Globes* – led the Antitrust Authority to decide to indict some of those involved.

Tadmor added that the "findings paint a grim picture concerning the way in which Bezeq has acquired switchboards from Koor and the way the market was managed until recently."

In addition, the Industry and Trade investigators alleged that Koor supplied the authority with false information concerning the competition between its two subsidiaries Tadiran and Telrad. The report suggests that Tadiran and Telrad had colluded over pricing of equipment in the years 1993-1996. It added that in several cases Bezeq was aware of it.

In addition, "the findings of the investigation prima facie suggest that Bezeq purchased switchboards from one supplier (Koor) at prices which were allegedly much higher than those they would have had to pay had they not been bound to them. ... blocking the market for other suppliers," Tadmor said. He added that Bezeq continued doing so even after it received legal advice that it is illegal.

The report concludes that the fact that the price-fixing was concealed not only proves that those involved knew it was a crime, but it also shows the severity of this crime.

Mattel to buy Learning for $3.8b.

By AIMEE SULLIVAN and WES CONARD

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (Bloomberg) — Mattel, the world's largest toymaker, agreed to buy top educational software maker Learning Co. for $3.8 billion in stock and warned profit for the fourth quarter and year will miss forecasts.

Mattel – whose toys include Barbie, Hot Wheels and Fisher-Price – will pay $33 a share of its stock for Learning Co., the maker of such popular titles as "Myst" and "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?"

Mattel wants to boost its presence in the software market as more children opt for video and computer games over traditional toys. Rival Hasbro Inc. bought MicroProse Inc. in September and Tiger Electronics Inc., the electronic toymaker that gave it the best-selling Furby, in April.

"The world has changed very fast and toymakers haven't kept up," said Christopher Byrne, editor of *Playthings Marketwatch* newsletter. "Why smack two action figures together when you can go into virtual reality and blow them up?"

Mattel, which closed Friday at 30 1/8, was indicated to trade at 24 to 26. The price represents a 17 percent premium to Cambridge, Massachusetts-based Learning Co.'s price Friday of 28 5/16.

El Segundo, California-based Mattel said a decline in orders from retailers, which are reducing their inventories, will pull down its earnings for the year to $1.20 a share. It was expected to earn $1.78, the average estimate of analysts polled by First Call Corp., up from $1.65 a year earlier.

For the fourth quarter, Mattel was expected to earn 79 cents a share, compared with 64 cents a year ago. It's the fourth quarter in a row Mattel warned profit will miss estimates, largely because of inventory cutbacks by its largest customer, Toys "R" Us Inc., the nation's biggest toy retailer.

Mattel's push into software and computer games mirrors the strategy of Hasbro. Pawtucket, Rhode Island-based Hasbro in the last year has acquired the Atari Video Game division of JTS Corp. and agreed to buy the games unit of Monarch Services Inc.

"The combination of these two companies positions Mattel for leadership in a changing marketplace," chairman and chief executive Jill Barad said in a statement.

Learning Co. has projected 1998 revenue of about $850 million. The agreement is expected to add to Mattel's earnings in 1999.

Learning Co. chairman and chief executive Michael Perik and President Kevin O'Leary will both join the Mattel management team upon completion of the transaction.

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By NICKY BLACKBURN

By joining London's financial markets Israeli companies will gain access to a vast pool of capital coming from financial investors around the world, Theresa Wallis, chief operating officer of the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) told business leaders yesterday.

Wallis, who was speaking at a seminar on the City of London financial services in Tel Aviv, told the assembled audience of some 150 guests that London's two markets – the London Stock Exchange and AIM – offer Israeli companies an entrance to the "largest pool of international capital in the world."

"London plays a leading role in international listings," she said. "We have more international listings than any other stock exchange in the world, including NASDAQ."

Some 525 non-UK companies, many of them from the high-tech arena, are listed on the London Stock Exchange.

Wallis came here as a part of a mission led by Lord Levene, the lord mayor of the City of London, to raise the profile of London's markets in Israel.

"London as a financial center is the most active and liquid trading market in international equities in the world," said Wallis. "It is responsible for the highest level of equity trading, six times more than NASDAQ."

A public flotation in London will attract coverage by more international investment analysts and will "enhance a company's reputation and standing among clients and investors," she told guests.

Wallis, who said the trend towards raising capital outside one's own market is on the rise, said that London's well-regulated exchange acts as a complement to companies that are listed on home exchanges.

"The feedback from companies listed on our markets shows that the additional interest led in turn to increased trading on the domestic market."

London's alternative exchange, AIM, which is designed for emerging companies, was launched in June 1995. So far six Israeli companies, including Geo Interactive, have been listed on it, making Israel the country with the second largest representation after Ireland.

This year data communications company BATM Advanced Technologies, based in Rosh Ha'ayin, was the winner of the AIM award for best technology.

The company first joined AIM in July 1996. It raised capital of $8 million and two years later raised another $16m. In the process, share prices rose 38.4 percent.

"This issue has been a real credit to AIM," said Wallis.

Wallis said that AIM is looking for companies with strong management, the right system, and a clear strategy of growth.

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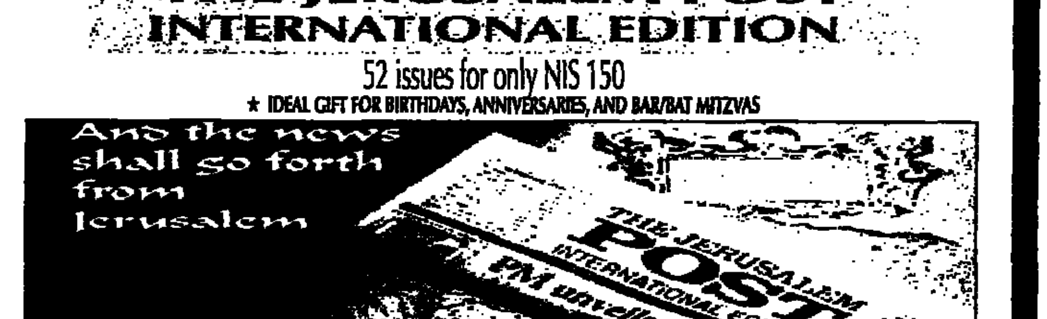
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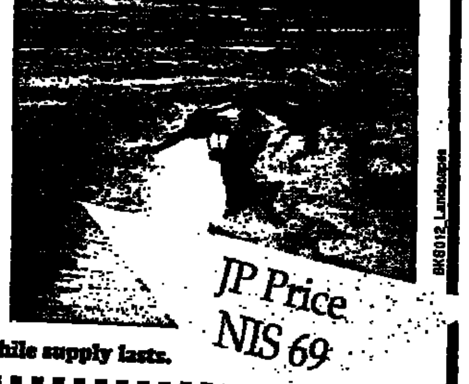

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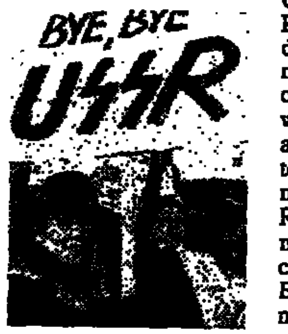
Steel-plated bear hug

By TODD R. EASTHAM

WASHINGTON – Talks between US and Russian officials over a possible cap on Russian steel exports to the US would serve little purpose without participation by the US industry, labor unions, and other steel exporting nations, according to United Steelworkers of America President George Becker.

"I would be extremely concerned if the government was entering into talks without representatives of the steel industry or representatives of labor present," Becker said.

Becker was responding to a *Washington Post* report that Robert La Russa, US assistant secretary of Commerce for import administration, will go to London next week to discuss a Russian proposal to limit steel exports to the US in exchange for dropping an anti-dumping case brought by American steel producers.



After Communism

White House spokesman Barry Toiv confirmed that Commerce Department officials will meet with their Russian counterparts next week. He said he couldn't speak to the agenda and didn't know where the meeting would take place.

Big US steelmakers have joined the steelworkers union in a campaign against cheap steel from countries in economic trouble, including Russia, Japan, and Brazil. The cheap exports threaten tens of thousands of jobs, the profits of major steel companies and the survival of some small producers, they contend.

Can Washington and Moscow impose their will on an unruly steel market?

The administration of President Bill Clinton has raised the specter of "voluntary restraints" to deal with the more than 50 percent rise in steel imports. That's a legal term used to distinguish negotiated import caps from import quotas, which usually violate World Trade Organization rules.

The administration plans to announce a comprehensive plan of action on the steel import surge on Jan. 5.

USX-US Steel Group President Paul Wilhelm said in a statement that the largest US steelmaker is "fundamentally opposed to a negotiated settlement" of the dispute.

Becker said US steel companies "feel they're on extremely solid ground on the anti-dumping suit" filed at the end of September with the Commerce Department. "If there are discussions that would go on between the government and the Russians, I would view this with some alarm."

The industry anti-dumping suit charges Japanese, Russian, and Brazilian steel exporters with selling hot-rolled carbon steel – used in cars and home appliances – below the cost of production to offset lost sales in Asia and other troubled emerging markets.

A Russian delegation led by deputy foreign trade minister Roald Piskoppel broke off talks with US officials last month after the US International Trade Commission determined that the cheap imports posed a risk of material damage to US steelmakers. That means Commerce will consider potentially huge punitive anti-dumping tariffs.

Piskoppel said this week the talks were effectively frozen, and he'd received no response to a letter to Commerce asking for a timetable for resumed talks.

Charles Boesel, a spokesman for Sen. Mike DeWine, an Ohio Republican and member of the Senate Steel Caucus, said La Russa met yesterday with caucus members to discuss plans for talks with the Russians, among other matters. Boesel couldn't confirm that La Russa planned to meet Russian officials next week. Boesel said caucus members are concerned the administration might take too soft a stance with trading partners trying to export their way out of economic malaise.

The steelworkers' Becker didn't rule out a deal with foreign steel producers, which administration officials have said is an option, though he said any talks need to involve all parties and include a range of remedies to protect the embattled industry.

"Whatever *is* ultimately worked out... it has to include some kind of a quota that would roll these imports back to pre-crisis levels," said Becker. "It would have to be a comprehensive agreement that would involve all aspects of the steel trade. There would have to be a moratorium" on imports for long enough to allow complete recovery of the US industry, which has already lost about 2,000 jobs, he said.

Companies that benefit from cheap imported steel started their own campaign this week to counter that effort. Caterpillar Inc., Enron Corp. and other US steel users called on Clinton to resist pressure to severely restrict steel imports, saying that could deny them adequate supplies.

Choking off too many steel imports "could seriously injure our steel-using industries, and the economy as a whole, through unnecessarily high prices, loss of competitiveness, fewer choices and job migration offshore," the companies wrote in a letter.

The administration has greater flexibility in dealings with Russia than with Japan or Brazil because Russia isn't a member of the World Trade Organization, which prohibits quota arrangements in most circumstances. Russia also has wiggle room because its steelmakers have already cut back on exports to the US in the face of possible retroactive tariffs should Commerce agree the Russians are dumping steel in the US.

Russia's Piskoppel said yesterday in Moscow that Russian exports of hot rolled steel in the US "almost dried up in November" in response to that threat. He provided no figures to back up that claim.

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Nat'l Grid to buy New England Electric for $4.6b.

LONDON – National Grid Plc will buy New England Electric System for $4.6 billion in cash and assumed debt, the second purchase of a US utility by a UK-based power company in a week.

National Grid, which operates the electric transmission system in Great Britain, will buy each New England share for $53.75, a 25 percent premium to the closing price of New England shares on Friday. The Coventry-based company will pay $3.2b. in cash and assume New England debts of $1.4b., said National Grid Chief Executive David Jones in an interview.

The purchase follows Scottish-Power Plc's announcement last week that it will buy Portland, Oregon-based PacifiCorp for $11.8b., as overseas companies seek to enter a US market made more accessible through deregulation. National Grid, which in August said it had found a US takeover candidate, is seeking to generate 30% of its profits from outside the UK within three years, analysts said.

"People have talked about National Grid buying everything under the sun," said Edward Tirello, an analyst with BT Alex Brown Inc., who has a "hold" rating on New England Electric System before the announcement.

The acquisition likely will face tough scrutiny from regulators as they lay the groundwork for foreign companies wanting to gain access to the US electricity market. Investors already are expressing concerns that the ScottishPower's acquisition could take twice as long as the company expects.

"This is going to be another hard deal," said Tirello.

In the US, utility mergers need to be approved by both state and federal regulators in a process that sometimes can take as long as two years to complete. Regulators can also insist on rate cuts or take other actions that can make mergers unprofitable.

"We don't see any insurmountable hurdles," said CEO Jones.

He said the company had "undertaken the groundwork with the relevant bodies" and didn't see the regulatory process going on for any "significant length of time."

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Lucky strike or a lot of hype?

One week before a planned second offering of Givot Olam Oil Exploration, the company 'miraculously' announced that it had extracted here commercially viable oil and gas

MARKET WATCH

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Armed with a blessing from the late Lubavitcher Rebbe, a small oil exploration company captured local headlines last week by announcing it had extracted oil and gas.

The Israeli dream of integrating into the Middle East by striking oil may or may not be near realization, but the early Hanukka miracle clearly indicates that local stock speculators are still alive and kicking.

Despite the fact that all previous oil tests carried out in other parts of the country showed that there was no economic justification for mining oil here, and although oil prices have dropped recently to a 25-year low, investors rushed to buy shares of Givot Olam Oil Exploration Limited Partnership, ignoring the basic rule about high yields being coupled with high risk.

The pictures of gas flames shooting out of the Meged 2 well led to a 182 percent jump in the price of Givot Olam shares over the week, fueling other oil-related securities traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. The oil exploration sector, which was neglected by investors for some years, showed some signs of life for the first time since Isramco, another promising oil exploration partnership, halted in '94 a much-heralded exploration off of Tel Aviv's shores.

Veteran traders said the enthusiastic response to Givot Olam's announcement was reminiscent of the oil hysteria sparked by Isramco, which challenged the imagination of many local investors, all of whom were ultimately left disillusioned, and sometimes also penniless.

Many short-term Isramco investors were rumored to have hailed from the humble town of Dimona, proving – yet again – that the less sophisticated an investor the more likely he is to fall for the hollow rags-to-riches promises of obscure companies.

To be fair, Givot Olam's management seems much more solid than that of Isramco, which was led by Chairman Joseph Elmaleh, who was described by *Bloomberg Business News* as a "gambler dabbler and the ultimate underdog."

Nevertheless, investing in oil exploration remains risky even if the company in question, like Givot Olam, is led by observant Jews who base their findings on the Bible, among other sources.

Givot Olam's surge began last Sunday as it notified the media about an important announcement to be made imminently.

Cynical observers may say that the fact that the shares started rising on the first day of the week is also the result of a less publicized campaign conducted in several synagogues in Jerusalem on the preceding Shabbat.

Those who attended shul, and followed the rule of "buy on rumors, sell on news" clearly benefitted. In fact, lucky investors who bet on the company, which announced in the past that it had discovered a reservoir containing one billion barrels of commercial oil, more than doubled their money in less than a week.

Although the company's announcement stated that only 15 barrels of clear oil were recovered, much of the media preferred to ignore some 400 previously failed drills while creating the impression that Israel may soon become a second Saudi Arabia.

The company added to the prevailing optimism by announcing that the test proved, for the first time, that Israel, like Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern oil producing countries, is sitting on the Paleozoic oil basin. It added that analysis of the oil and gas extractions found in Rosh Ha'ayin confirms that both contain hydrocarbons and are thus commercially viable.

The most dubious aspect of the statement was its timing, a mere one week before the planned secondary offering of Givot Olam, in which the company intends to raise some NIS 16.8 million in capital to drill an additional well, Meged 3.

In its defense, the company said that it had to conduct the test now because Yehezkel Druckman, the oil commissioner at the National Infrastructures Ministry, imposed a requirement to carry out the Meged 3 drilling by the end of December. Since it could not finance such drilling, the commissioner agreed to convert the requirement so that the Meged 2 well could be tested in order to prove the existence of oil or gas, on the condition that it would be done before the end of the year.

Givot Olam also said that it took the risk of retesting the Meged 2 well, despite the fact that if the findings did not confirm its expectations, the company would be left without a geological basis to continue drilling – and broke.

Whether or not a coincidence, the run of events should worry investors.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe in 1990 blessed the company with "good news in the near future."

But Givot Olam itself assumed no risk, preferring not to put its trust exclusively in God. In fact, in its prospectus it made sure to include this warning: "An investment in the offered equity is linked to a real risk of losing the whole investment in a relatively short period."

Security in your back pocket

First Access has developed a card that can safeguard your computer files and cut down on time-consuming logging in and logging off – yet never needs to be removed from your wallet

While Moshe Elgressy, now 27, was working for a computer company two years ago, he discovered a problem. Returning to his desk from lunch, he realized that someone had rifled through his work station, looking at employee files. Being something of a computer whiz kid – he worked as a consultant for NASA in Europe when he was just 14 – he decided that the only way to deal with such break-ins was to invent a solution.

Two years on, his company, First Access, has developed a contactless authentication card that opens your computer as you walk into a room, and shuts it down as you leave, getting rid of the time-consuming process of logging on and logging off, and leaving your computer secure in the meantime.

It's a technology that has provoked a great deal of interest. Unveiled at the CeBIT 1998 exhibition in March this year, the First Access Enterprise Suite won an award for the best data security product, sparking a flurry of meetings between First Access management and senior executives from Sun, Hewlett Packard, IBM, Motorola and even Microsoft.

Since it was founded at the end of 1997, the Haifa-based start-up has received $6.5 million in capital, and has recently signed a distribution agreement with Asgent, a leading Japanese distributor of security products, which is widely recognized as being responsible for Checkpoint's dominance in the Japanese firewall market. The system has also been integrated into the products of Sun Microsystems.

"We are considered to be the best financed and fastest growing start-up in Israel," says Dov Sharom, executive vice president of the company.

ELGRESSY founded First Access in the winter of 1997 with a staff of four and seed capital of $1.5m. from the Neurone Fund. A second round of fund raising was held in September which brought in an additional $5m. from Jerusalem Venture Partners, Shamrock and the Van Leer group of Holland.

The company discovered that 80-85 percent of computer break-ins occur from inside a company. Forget about the mysterious hacker, most of the major security breaches are caused by employees, either for personal reasons, for revenge or for industrial espionage.

Apple's legendary CEO Steve Jobs, for instance, once logged on in the morning to discover that an e-mail had gone out to all his employees, ostensibly from him, listing the salaries of all his top workers.

"It was an inside job," says Sharom. "There was no real damage done in tangible terms, but people got access to information they weren't supposed to have."

Many break-ins are more serious, however. A recent Ernst and Young report on corporate security showed that 50% of all respondents had suffered at least one serious financial loss due to internal breaches.

"If your work station is not locked properly, it's a piece of cake to steal intellectual property," says Sharom.

The most common form of security today is the password, with some 99% of users relying on one to log on to their computer networks. "The problem with passwords is that to ensure security, they need to be long and complicated, and it's hard to remember them," says Sharom.

In addition, he says, users don't want to waste time typing in the password whenever they leave their computer, as it takes two to three minutes to log off, and another two to three to log back on.

In most companies, he says, MIS management spends much of its time chasing employees to make sure they change their passwords every few months and that they select complicated passwords. "It's a constant battle between MIS management and end users," says Sharom. "It's quite clear that everyone wants to upgrade from passwords."

THE First Access Enterprise Suite is based on a tag the size of a credit card which functions as a verification smart card. A user can put the tag in a pocket, a wallet or even a bag. As soon as he walks into the room, the computer will identify him from a distance, opening the same document that was on the screen the last time it was in use. When the user moves away from the computer, it shuts down, stopping any unauthorized people from using it. The system also runs background tasks while you are away – a smart search of the Internet for example.

The Start-Up

By Nicky Blackburn

While the card is a little on the thick side, the company plans to reduce its size so that it can be pinned on to name tags.

"It's the natural choice for users," says Sharom. "It's much more secure than existing methods and offers the same level of security as smart cards, but with a new level of usability to end users. It's an incredible feeling to know that you can walk out of the office and no one can look at your mail or mess with your computer."

In addition, he says, it also saves MIS administrators a great deal of time and energy. "They don't have to run after us any more," says Sharom.

The product has several options. There can be automatic log-in from one to 10 meters; semi-automatic log in (where you click an icon on the screen); log-on with a pincode at the start of day; and a proximity system whereby you bring the card close to the sensor. In addition, you can have a multi-user function that only switches the computer on in the presence of several users. "This is something you can't do with smart cards," says Sharom.

If a card is stolen the system can be disabled.

THOUGH the product is technologically complicated, it has been designed to be easy to use, according to Sharom. It is part of Windows NT, and MIS administrators don't have to learn a new interface.

"We installed a beta-site test in Tel Aviv a few weeks ago, and the MIS administrator was shocked at how easy it was to use," says Sharom. "After two hours, he was installing the work stations himself."

The system, which costs $200 per workstation and should go on sale in April, can be used for three years without a battery change. The company aims to upgrade the card rather than have users change batteries.

At present, an upgrade costs about $50-$60, but the aim is to reduce that price to $15-$20, the same level as smart cards, and then finally to reduce it to $3-$4.

Initially the company is looking to sell the product to large security-conscious corporations and financial institutions, such as investment banks, commercial banks, insurance companies and government bodies.

Then it will branch out into other markets, approaching small- and medium-sized companies that want to keep their computer networks secure.

Today, the company is approaching its first target market directly, but it intends to begin working through indirect channels soon by linking up with security distributors. The September deal with Asgent is the first of many, Sharom hopes. "We have good contacts with distributors in the US, Europe and Japan," says Sharom.

The company is also aiming to sign joint marketing agreements with companies such as Check Point, Memco and Computer Associates, and to approach smart-card manufacturers.

Beta-site testing has already begun. First Access began using the system in September and several other Israeli companies began testing it one month ago.

At the start of next year, pilot schemes will be running in the US and Europe.

Sharom says that the company recently made contact with an official from the US government and a pilot will begin there soon.

THE computer authentication market is a huge field, estimated at some $1 billion worldwide. By 2001, this figure should increase phenomenally. First Access is obviously not alone in this area. Sharom, however, believes the company has developed something unique.

Today there are several different solutions in the field. Firstly there are ID tokens. Sharom dismisses them as offering only passive security.

Then there is biometrics – companies that manufacture security systems based on fingerprint, face or eye scans. Sharom believes this field is too exotic for daily use. "People view them as competition, but they're not. It's not a mainstream solution. We won't use it on our lap-top or desktop on an hourly basis because you don't want to do a fingerprint scan all the time."

Perhaps the real competitors are the smart-card manufacturers. Smart cards can be used not only to secure the computer, but also to do other things such as buy sandwiches, see a film, etc. "These are very open platforms, and you can do a lot of things with them, but the problem is that you still have to take it out of your pocket, insert it into a reader and then pull it out again. Most people don't want to do that, so the cards end up being stuck in the computer all day, and the work station is exposed.

"The market is growing very rapidly, but customers are bored with the same solutions and want something new. They feel our product line is really bringing user authentication to a new level of usability," says Sharom. "We've added a new feature to smart cards. We've made them contactless. It's beyond smart cards."

In April last year the company became a founding member of the Opencard consortium with companies such as IBM, Netscape and Sun Microsystems. The consortium supports complete interoperability with complementary systems, industries and standards – something the company views as vital to its future.

The company hopes to integrate other technologies into its product to offer greater security, as well as a host of other applications. The plan is to incorporate vicinity technology that will allow First Access cards to be used both directly and at a distance. "We as users will not give up certain actions," says Sharom. "We aren't likely to want to withdraw cash from an ATM at a distance for instance."

Unlike many Israeli start-ups First Access is not looking to be sold, even for millions of dollars, and is now hiring an American CEO and plans to move all but its R&D operation to the US.

"We don't want to be sold," says Sharom. "We want to make sure the company is big, and we will do whatever we can to become a large company."

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LEADING SHARES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Africa Hotels	498	0
Africa Israel 0.1	18200	0
Africa Israel 1	177000	-0.6
Agis	2220	1.4
Al Paper Mills	14750	-1.7
Al-Rov	1840	-5.7
Azorim	3130	1.9
Azorim Prop.	791	0.5
Bank Leumi 0.1	593	1.4
Baran	3190	0
Bayside 1	45400	0.7
Bayside 5	220000	1.6
Bezeq	1251	3
Blue Square	5010	1
Bromine	2580	1.2
Clal Electronics	59500	-0.8
Clal Industries	1926	-1
Clal Insurance	3570	0.3
Clal Israel 1	8130	0
Dan Hotels	917	-0.9
Dankner	1790	0
Darban	545	-0.9
Dead Sea Works 0.1	890	0.7
Delek 0.1	11690	0
Delek Car	575	1.4
Delta 1	3300	-4.1
Development Mort	17870	-0.4
Discount Bank	349	-0.9
Discount Inv.	10300	0.2
Elbit 0.003	1370	-1.2
Elbit imaging	4320	0.7
Elbit system	4940	1.2
Elco Holdings	1862	-1.6
Elco Industries	3500	0
Electra	18100	0.7
Electra App	2750	-1.4
Elite Ind. 1	2460	1.6
Elite Ind. 5	12500	1.4
Elron 0.003	6290	-0.6
FIBI 5	2740	-1.1
First Int'l 1	405	-1.9
First Int'l 5	1936	1.1
First Int'l Mort	41000	0
Formula	10190	-0.5
General Bank	8400	1
Granit Hacarmel	822	-0.8
Hadarim Prop.	7790	0
Ham-Let	1861	0
Hapoalim 0.1	759	0.4
Harel Mishmar 1	3420	0
Harel Mishmar 5	16800	0
Home Center	4600	2.1
I.D.B. Dev.	8190	0.2
I.D.B. Holdings	8310	0.6
ILDC	1605	-1.5
Ind Bldgs	498	-0.4
Israel Chemicals	377	1.9
Israel Corp. 1	30700	0.3
Isrotel	580	0
Jafora	761	2.1
JCT	29.9	0.3
JEC	1572	4.9
Kitan	371	0.3
Knafaim	4200	0
Koor	36200	-2.2
Leumi Insurance	211	2.4
Leumi Mortgage	67900	0
Liraz	2480	-0.8
Ma'ariv	2280	-6.9
Makhteshim Agan Ind.	911	2.2
Maman	550	8.5
Matab	4250	1.9
Mehadrin	12450	3.5
Mel Eden	1350	-3.7
Melisseron	1000	0
Menorah Ins. 1	2150	0
Mishkan	61400	0
Mizrahi	703	0.3
NATSVA REGULAR	1467	3.9
Nice Systems	8800	0.9
Orbit	785	-4.3
Ormat Industries	427	-1.4
Osem Industries	1755	2.3
Petrochemicals	2110	0
Phoenix Ins. 1	6650	7.9
Plasson	3950	-1.4
Poalim Inv.	12270	0
Point of Sale	2890	-1
Prop & Bldg	31600	0.3
Salt Industries	1817	-3.7
Solel Bone	3680	-2.4
Supersol	951	0.1
Tadiran	14910	0.4
Tatam	1730	0.2
Tambour	500	-2.9
Telahot	183600	0.7
Tempo	1551	-0.6
Teva	17430	-1.4
Wire and Cables	1169	0
Ytong Industries	940	0
Shikun u'Binui	246	-1.2

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SMALL CAPITALIZATION TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Abjac	1.8	5.9
Abudi	40	2.8
Ace-Spade	91.8	0
Ackerstein Bond B	177.5	0.1
Ackerstein Ind.	452	-3.6
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1666	0
Ackerstein Zvi 5	8350	-5.1
adakom	0	0
Adanim	323500	0
Adler	133	0
Adsha	116	0
Adumim	322	0
Africa Hotels Bond B	98.3	-0.7
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	56	1.8
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	142.4	0
Alsak Ind	974	0
Agis Warrant 3	0	0
Agis Warrant 4	253	0
Agish Int'l	369	0
Agri Investments	506	0
Al-Ben	125	0
Al-Ben Bond A	124.7	0
Alha c2	97.2	-0.6
Alha w6	95.1	0
Alliance	500	0
Aloni	255	0
Alony-Hetz	450	-0.4
Alony-Hetz Bond A	186	0
Alrod	217	0
Alrod Warrant 1	3	0
Alrov Bond D	84.3	0
Alrov Warrant 5	109	0
Alumr	260	0
Alumit	1930	0
Amigar	171	0
Amitec	181.5	0
Ammeil Warrant 1	58	0
Amnat	660	0
Ampa Investments	122000	-3.4
Analyst EMS	660	6.5
Angel Trade	46	0
Angel Trade Bond A	180	0
Angel Trade Bond B	116	0
Angel Trade Bond C	64	0
Apcon	775	0
Apcon warrant 1	201	0
Applicom	2380	-3.3
Aracell Warrant 2	395	0
Arad	1390	9.4
Arad Towels	1220	-6.1
Arazim	106	0
Arazim Bond 1	280	0
Argaman	172	0
Ariadan	1390	4.6
Arpel	225	0
Aryt	90	-0.6
Ashkelon Plywood	420	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	264	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	167.9	0
Ashlad	410	0
Ashlad Bond A	185	0
Ashot	230	-3.8
Ashot Bond A	180.3	0
Ashpara	74	0
Ashtrom Bond 1	177.5	0
Ashtrom Bond 2	166.5	-0.3
Ashtrom Ind.	545	0
Ashtrom Prop.	192	0
Astrom P Bond 1	98.4	0
Astrom p warrant a	20	0
Astrum Bond C	106	0
Astrum Warrant 2	45	0
Atlon	94.9	0
Atmor	1194	0
ATX	196	0
ATX Bond A	0	0
Atzmon	157	0
Aura	4550	-2.2
Avarot	300	-3.2
Avarot Bond A	163.3	3.3
Averbuch Formica	620	0
Aviv	397	-0.5
Aviv Bond 1	164	0
Aviv Bond 2	91.5	0
Avner	4.9	0
Avrot Bond 2	95.1	0.1
Avrot Warrant 2	37	0
Ayalon	617	0
Azmaut	447	0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	185.4	0
Azorim Warrant 13	405	-0.7
Azorim Warrant 5	104.1	-0.9
Azorim Warrant A	399	0
Azorim Warrant B	590	0
Badash Bond 1	33	0
Baktil	292	0
Balentine 1	143.5	0
Balentine Bond A	135	0
Balron	3630	0
Bama'asat	850	0
Bama'asat Bond A	159	0
Bar	306	0
Bar Bond A	132	-0.2
Barad	239	0
Baranowitz	626	1
Barkan	801	-6.2
Barsel	139.5	0
Bertal	160	-5.9
Beumel Moshe	163.5	0
BaySide Bond 2	94	0
BaySide Warrant D	1600	0
Beit Shemesh	1338	-0.2
Belmon	340	0
Ben Yakar Bond A	184	0
Ben Yakar Bond B	91.2	0
Ben Yakar Gat	4300	0
Berman	140	0
Bezek Bond 3	127.5	2.7
Bezek Warrant Bond 3	282	1.1
Bilu	1700	0
Bilu Bond A	170.1	0
Binor	279	0

	LAST	CHANGE*
Biri	282	0
Bolee Bond B	78	0
bolee and warrant 1	35	0
Bonei Tichon	480	0
Bonjour	532	-1.5
Boulous Brothers	150	0
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	284	0
Boulous GD	396	0
Boulous GD Bond A	143.7	1.2
Brand	84	0
Brill	48.5	0
Brok Side	13.8	0
Brosh	135	0
Building Bank	1309	-0.1
Building Resou.	4300	0
C Holdings	349	-3.1
C Holdings Bond 5	49.5	7.6
Caesarea 1	5700	0
Caniel	4190	-2.1
Capital	829	-0.1
Capital Bond A	117	0
Caprice	310	-10.1
Cargal	806	7.2
Carmel	559	9.8
Carmiel	460	0
Castro	486	0
Catalona 1	324	-10
CDI	155	4.7
Cemantecal Bond A	55	-4.3
Cementcal	215	1.4
Centre	140	0
Centre Bond 1	150	0
Chara	415	-1.2
Chayun Computers	177	0
Chemipal	405	0
Chim-Nir	308	-7.6
CI Systems	130.2	0
Cidab	170	0
Clal Computers	6520	-1.2
Clal Retail	46000	0
Cohen Beni	167.4	0
Cohen Dev.	155	0
Cohen MM	130	0
Cold Storage 1	1755	-3.5
Cold Storage 5	8530	-2
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	0	0
Compl	147	-2
Compl Warrant 1	24	0
Compulite	250	0
Comtech	409	0
Comtrans	829	0
Contal	941	0
Contractors	21800	0
Coral Beach	873	0
Credit Line	3.4	0
Credit Lines Bond A	33	0
Cyclone 1	2400	0.8
Cyclone Bond 1	272	1.9
Cyclone Bond 2	187	-3.4
Dafron	1545	0
Dafron Bond 1	274	0
Dalin	1.1	0
Dan Rent-A-Car	754	-6
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	166	-0.6
Danbar 1	4600	0
Danbar 5	9900	-4.7
Danbar Bond A	256	0
Danbar Resources	5260	0
Danbar Resources Bond B	176.6	0
Danbar Tech.	5340	0
Danbar Technologies Bond A	167	1.2
Danel	50	0
Danel Bond A	90.8	0
Danel Personnel	1620	-0.2
Danel Warrant 2	185	0
Dankner Bond 1	222	0
Dankner Bond 2	146	0
Dankner Bond 3	93	0
Dankner Warrant C	454	0
Danly	535	0
Darad	113	0
DARBAN BOND 2	101.7	0
Darban Bond A	240	0
Darban Warrant 3	65	0
Darea	147	0
Darlon	300	0
Dash Investment	783	0
Data	677	0
Decision Systems	275	0
Degem Systems	410	0
Delek Drilings	19	0
Delek Oil	1390	-0.7
Destiny	694	10
Digal	380	0
Dirom1	1340	0
Dolev	287	0
Dolev Bond A	144	0.3
Dolev warrant 1	18.9	-17.8
Domicar	496	0.8
Domicar Bond	163.7	-0.2
Dor Berger	330	10
Dor Chim	342	3.3
Dor Energy	1210	-1.5
Dorc w1	40.9	0
Dorea	50.6	0
Dorl c1	103.9	0
Dorl Engineering	489	0
Dorl Engineering Bond A	141	0
Dovrat Bond A	149	0
Dovrat Shrem	1290	1.4
DSL	699	-0.1
Dubek M	4.1	0
Dubek S	4.1	0
Duniltz	240	0
DYG Industries	401	3.1
E & M Computing	1184	-1.2
Edgar Albani	44	0
Edgar Industries	185	0
Edgar Inv. Bond C	88.7	-0.9
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	18	7.8
Effer Bond A	98	0
Einl	135	0
Elam	369	0
Elorean	2810	0
El Bad	2020	0
El Carit	435	0
El Carit Bond 1	173.9	0.3
Elad	475	0
Elad Bond A	178	0
Elad Bond B	150.9	0
Elad c3	72	0.6
Elad w5	27.9	0
Elbit Computers Bond B	135.2	0
Elden Tech.	165.2	12.2
Electronics Line	534	0
Elger	6300	5
Elisch Ind.	900	0
Elkam	260	-1.8
Ella	340	0
Ella Bond A	143	0
Elran	4510	0.4
Emek	119	0
Emyle	765	0
Engel Const.	559	1.6
ESE	1750	0.9
Eshed Robotech	200	0
Even	460	8.2
Evergreen	3350	0
Evrots Warrant 1	1564	1.6
Excelence	1578	0
Export Inv.	770	0
Extra	66.7	0
Feldman	77	0
Feldman Bond A	158	0
Feldman Ind.	250	0
Feldman Warrant 3	3	0
Feuchtwanger 1	7690	-0.9
Feuchtwanger 5	37500	0
Fidelil	1890	0
Five J Jewelers	371	0
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	138	-3.5
Formica Source	110	0
Frutarom	386	0
Gahelet	12000	-0.8
Galcom	126.7	0
Gafran	1125	7.7
Gama	155.7	0
Gamatronic	869	0
Gambit	3380	-0.6
Gan ShmoelBond A	113.9	0.1
Gan ShmoelWarrant 3	435	-3.8
Gan Shmuel	1358	-1.2
Ganel Hadar	490	0
Gap Development	140	0
Gap Holdings	190	2.2
Gap Warrant 2	5.4	315.4
Gazit	630	0
Gazit Bond C	139	0
Gibor Bond 1	65	0
Gibor Bond A	85.8	0.9
Gibor Sabrina	62	0
Gibor Sport	806	0
Gibor Warrant 2	103.9	0
Gilboa	78.2	0
Gilio	189	0
Giltek	1640	0.6
Givot Olam Oil	131.5	-10.7
Glob Rit	791	0
Golan	380	0
Gold	225	0
Golden House	512	0
Golden House Bond 1	284	0
Golex	206	0
Granit Bond	155.1	-0.4
Granit Bond 2	160.1	-2.9
Green Software	163.3	0
Greenberg	1270	-6.6
H. Electronics	49.2	0
H. Mer	844	-0.8
Habas	3480	0
Habas Bond 1	147	0
Hadar 1	28000	7.7
Hadar 5	89700	1.9
Hadar Ins. 1	840	-2.9
Hadar Ins. 5	3300	-6
Hadarim Bond1	123.1	-0.6
Hadarim Warrant1	1065	0
Hagal	359	0
Hagal Bond B	163	0
Hamalor	162	35
Hanal	8.7	2.4
Hasin Esh	960	12.3
Hason	295	0
Hashof 1	209	0
Hashof Bond A	145.2	0
Hayal	1200	0
Hayal Bond2	159	0
Hayal Warrant 1	77	0.4
Hed Arzi Music	305	0
Hiron 1	9670	9.9
Hiron 5	33000	0
HL Service Bond 2	181	0
HL Service Bond 3	157.4	-0.4
HL Services	1580	8
Hod	111	0
Hof	850	0
Hoft	161.9	0.9
Hydrolics	84	-6.7
IES Industries	294	0
IES Warrant 1	37.5	0
Ilan Gat	118	0
Ilan Gat Bond A	155.6	0
ILDC Bond 5	258	0
ILDC Hotels	360	0
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	186.5	0
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	74.5	0
ILDC Insurance	360	0
ILDC Insurance Bond A	147.4	0.6
Imco	889	0
Ind Bld Warrant 3	14	0
Ind Bldgs R1	3.5	0
Ind.Dev.Bank C	345	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	3300	-1.5
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	3350	0
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1450	0
Independence Mort	69900	-0.1
Intercosma	824	2.7
Intergamma 1	2790	0

	LAST	CHANGE*
Intergamma 5	12000	0
Inventech	580	-0.8
Iscal	1380	-3.8
Ispro	4650	0
Isracolor	338	0
Israel Corp. 5	141900	0
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	147.4	-0.1
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	191	0
Isralom	900	-7.2
Isralom Bond C	87.5	0
Isramco	3	3.4
Isras 1	6780	0
Isras 5	29300	0
Isras Bond A	274	0
ISTA LINES	2230	0
Itay	1970	0
Itay Bond 1	79	-2.5
Itay Warrant 1	390	0
Jafora Bond A	171.3	0
Jaysour	148	-4.7
Jaysour Bond A	127	1.6
JEC Bond B	98	0.1
Jerusalem Mort	180	-2.7
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	172.5	0
Jeunesse	30.2	0
JOEL	68.2	-8.1
JOEL Bond 1A	240	0
JOEL Bond 2	138.1	-1.2
JOEL Bond A	240	0
JOEL Warrant 3	2.5	13.6
Kadmani	97	0
Kadouri	715	0
katrice bond b	93	0
katrice warrant 1	81	0
Kalrit	1230	0
Kalkalit Bond A	93	-0.7
Kalkalit warrant 2	170	-2.9
Kamour	311	-2.8
Kamour Bond G	137	0
Kamaspt	986	0
Kanal Warrant G	1	0
Kanicol	30	0
Kanicol Bond A	42.7	0
Kardan 1	440	0
Kardan 5	2160	0
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	84	0
Kedem Chemicals	3500	-1.4
Kenitex	455	0
Kesher	820	0
Kesher Bond A	159	0
Keter	585	2.6
Kind	15.7	0
Kind Bond A	41	0
King	247	0
Kinneret	169	0
Kisch Kirur	165	-2.9
Kishrei Teufa	1182	0
Kital	220	0
Kital Bond A	170	0
Kital Bond A	108	4.3
Kill Ind. 5	8500	-2.9
Koor Bond 5	147	-0.9
Kopel	295	1.8
Kopel Bond 1	273	0
La Nationale Bond A	150.9	0
La Nationale Pref	122	0
Lachish	1515	-5.3
Lamont	800	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	73	0
Lasers	389	0
Laviav	670	0
Laznick Bldg	378	-1.8
Laznick Comm Ctrs	143	9.2
Laznick Commercial Centres Bond	159	0
Laznick Ind Bldgs	293	0
Laznick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	154.9	0
Leader	1029	-1.1
Lego	409	0
Leumi Warrant 5	44.8	1.8
Leventhal	660	0
Levi	519	0
Levi Bond A	143	0
Levi Bond B	92	0
Levi Warrant 2	35.9	0
Levinstein Bond A	96	1.6
Levinstein Warrant 2	603	0
Levinstein	1426	0
Liber	360	0
Lidan	1360	0
Lifshir 1	124.8	0
Lifshir 5	405	1.2
Ligad	293	-2.7
Ligad Bond 1	150	0
Lighterage 1	600	-0.2
LIMS	270	0
Lipman	2800	-4.1
Lipski	3440	0
Lipski Bond A	182.6	0
Liraz Bond A	142.1	0
Lodan	92	-7.9
Lodzia 1	1255	0
Lodzia 4	4680	0
Luhot Galil	22.7	0
Luhot Galil Bond 1	152	0
Lumir	2870	7.1
Ma'ariv Bond A	134	0
Maabarot	1139	0
Macpell	510	-5.2
Macpell Bond A	140	-1.5
Macpell Bond B	133	0
Macpell Bond C	76	-1
Macpell Warrant 3	23.5	-30.9
Madi	445	0
Magam	132.6	0
Magam Bond A	180	0
Magam Bond B	134	-0.7
Magav	150	0
Magna	253	0
Magor 1	1740	8.8
Magor 5	8800	3.5
Magor hldgs. Bond B	89	-1.2
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	379	0
Malal	270	0
Mali	68	0
Malla	432	0
Man	77	0
Man Bond A	239	0
Mantur	30	0
Marathon	87.5	-2.8
Marathon insured	101.2	-0.2
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 1	173	-4.9
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 2	158	0
Maritime Bank	1387	-0.6
Maritime Bank Bond B	155	-0.3
Mashav	890	0.2
Mashbir	549	4.4
Mashov	383	0
Mashov	62	0
Matam	1318	0
Matav Warrant 1	1000	-3.7
Maxima 1	392	0
Maxima 5	1402	0
Mazpak	709	0
Med. Hotels	43.3	8.3
Meditechnica	510	3
Meditechnica Bond A	147.8	0
Meditechnica Bond B	85.3	0
Meditechnica Warrant 2	38.9	5
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	71.7	0.3
Megason	57.5	0
Meimad	540	1.9
Meir Ezra	1750	7.4
Meir Ezra Bond B	271	1.1
Meist	288	0
Melisseron Bond B	96.5	0
Melisseron Warrant 3	40	0
Mendelson	232	-5.3
Menofim	29	0
Menorah Ins. 5	7240	0
Mercazit	857	0
Merhav	127.2	-9.1
Meytavit	185	0
Middle East Tube	260	0
Middle East Tube Bond A	119.4	0
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	9	0
Milimor Bond A	142	0
Milomor Bond B	80	-1.2
Milomor Warrant 2	85	0
Milomor	1445	-0.3
Mimsar	107	0
Mini Line	808	0
Minrav	12690	2.3
Mirage	216	0
Mirage Bond A	138.5	0.7
Miromit	60	0
Mishmael	19	0
Mishmael Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	152	0
Mishor Hahof	314	0
Misrani	180	0
Mivtach Shamir	2000	-2.4
Mivtach Shamir	1230	0
Mizrahi Inv.	6840	6.9
Mizrahi warrant 1	0	0
Mizrahi warrant 2	76.2	-6.3
MM Engineering	106.8	0
MM Engineering Bond A	61.6	0
Modgal	795	0
Modi'in	1.5	15.4
Moffet	181.9	-0.7
Moffet Convertible Bond AAA	258	0
Moleti	946	0
More Plastic Ind.	281	0
Moshkovitz	119	-9.8
MTI Computers	380	0
Mul-T-Lock	615	2.5
Mula Senter	223	0
Nachshon Fund	42.5	0
Naphtha	26	0
Naphtha Oil Exp.	33	0
Natour	480	0
NATSVA BOND A	110.2	0
Navigator	231	0
Navigator Property	830	0.5
Nechushtan Bond B	66	0
Nechushtan Prop.	173.2	0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	141	0
Nechushtan Warrant 1	29.2	0
Negev Ceramics	189	0
Nehushtan 1	558	0
Nehushtan 5	2680	0
Neot Aviv	10420	0
Netua	390	0
Neve Arbel	150	0
Nevatim Hotels	364	0
Neviot	837	0
Nia	198	10
Nikuv	780	0
Nisco	1900	0
Nissan	227	0
NMC	240	0
Noga	1585	0
Noga Insurans	81	2.5
Nordan	12.1	0
Nordan Tech.	458	4.8
Norlok	609	0
Norfolk Bond A	154.5	0
Nur	63	0
NYP	1100	0
Oceana	297	-10
Ocif	7090	-1.3
Ocif Bond A	195	0
Ocif Bond C	91.7	-0.5
Ocif Warrant 2	551	0
Octova	450	0
Ofek	224	0
Ofer Bro	5840	0
Offis	988	2.9
Ogdan	61	0
Ohaliav	428	0
Oil Fields	1.3	0
Oki-Dok	230	-7.3
Omni	253	0
Omntech	169	0
Ophir	355	9.2
Ophir Tours	483	0
Oppenheimer	89	0

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Optima	145	0
Osalys	3550	0
Oszit	500	0
Oszit Bond A	170	0
Orda	2650	0
Orda Bond 1	187	-0.5
Osev	650	0
Odefi	124.3	0
Odite	320	0
Odite Bond A	94	1.1
Odite Warrant 2	60	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	135.3	0
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	47	0
Ortal	320	0
Otzar Hashilton	24700	0
Oz	172.7	0.5
Oz alda	265	0.8
Packer Steel	5250	0
Paltough	866	-0.6
PAM	336	-1.2
Parna	580	-3.4
Pamas	1849	-2.8
Pan Dor	285	0
Pardes	660	0
Pardes Bond A	41	-2.6
Passport	1780	0
Paz Chen	347	0
PCB	1020	-2.7
Pdan Investment	54.5	0
Pereg	115	0
Periclase	863	-3.7
Phoenix Ins. 5	26500	19.9
Pica Plast	310	0
Pilat	122	0
Pinros	136	0
Pinros Bond A	150	0
Piskit	400	0
Plasson bond a	101.5	0
Plasson warrant 1	286	0
Plasto Sac	620	0
Plasto Shack Bond A	95	0
Plasto Shack Warrant 2	85	0
Poalim Inv. Bond B	97.8	0
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	2110	0
Poalim Investments Bond A	141	-0.7
Polak	294	0
Polgat A	309	2.3
Polgat B 4	1220	0
Polygon	1400	8.8
Polygon Bond 2	241	-0.4
Poraz	176.7	0
Port	105	0
Poseidon	92.7	1.2
Pri Haemek	18.1	9.7
Pri Haemek Bond A	38.3	0
Pritzker	214	0
Pritzker Bond A	154	0
Profit	390	0
Profit Bond A	135.7	0
Python	471	0
Quality Cap Mkts	398	-9.1
Rabintex	183	-18.3
Ram Zur	63.8	0
Ramgor 1	199	0
Ramgor 4	600	0
Rapak	2180	-2.7
Rapak Bond A	168.5	0
Rasseco	1282	-7.6
Ratio	1	0
Rav Car	85	0
Ravad	188	0
RDC	990	-3.5
RDC Bond A	154.5	0
Red Sea Hotels	589	-1.8
Regency	119.5	0
Regency Bond 1	131	0
Regent	405	0
Regent Bond A	152	0
Rekah	440	3.5
Reshef	60	0
Reshef Bond B	125	0
Rimoni	800	-1.2
Rogosin	1239	0
Rogozin Bond A	75.9	2.6
Rogozin Warrant B	140	0
Romtech	480	0
Rosebud	74.5	0
Rosental	112	0
Rotem	280	0
Rotshtein	140	0
Rotshtein Bond A	136	0
RSL	690	0
Sadot Mop Bond A	101.1	0.2
Sagie Prop. Bond 1	24	-4
Saher Bond a	97	0
Saher Dev.	2600	0
Saher Securities	539	0
Saher Warrant 1	265	0
Sanlacol	355	0
Sano 1	2900	0
Sano 5	14100	3
Scope	1170	0
Scope Bond A	97.4	-0.6
Scope Warrant 2	100	0
Sea Trade	600	0
Secom	248	-2.7
Securitas	720	0
Securitas Bond A	185.5	0
Selen	1020	-7.3
Serafon	375	0
Shaked	328	0
Shamir	300	0
Shatiyah	1298	0
Shef	209	0
Shekel	183.5	0
Shekel Bond A	154	-1.3
Shekem	65.3	-1.1
Shekem Bond 1	152	0
Shelag	61	0
Shem Tov	305	0
Shemen	11700	0
Shiadot	55	0
Shlomo Angel	5600	0
Shmi c2	84.5	0
Shmi w2	180	0
Shmira	720	-4
Shmira Bond A	155.8	0
Shniv	582	0
Shtang	100	-6.5
Shulamit	387	0
Shulamit Bond A	153.4	0
Sinai	550	0
Sinai Bond A	152	0
Solel Bone Bond A	110.7	0.6
Soll BoneRt1	79	-1.2
Solog	745	0
Solomon	524	0
solomon bond a	78.5	0
Solomon Holdings	442	0
solomon warrant 2	57	0
South Pipe	340	0
Spancrit	175	0
Spectronix 1	1245	0
STG	1215	0
STG Bond A	120	-1.6
Sunfrost	4650	0
Suny Electronics	561	-5.9
Synopsis	210	0
Synopsis Bond A	152.2	0
Syntec	320	0
Ta'al	140	0
Tachof Bond B	84	0
Tachof Warrant 3	75	0
Tadbik	215	1.4
Tadiran Appl	490	-3.5
Tal	130	0
Tal Bond A	49	0
TAP Bond 1	294	0
Tashloz bond a	135.1	0
Tashloz warrant 2	182	0
Tashluz	965	0
Tashluz Bond A	175	0.6
Tashluz Bond B	141.3	0
Tashluz Prop.	960	0
Taste of Israel	168	0
TAT 1	370	0
TAT 5	1175	-0.3
TAT Bond A	260	0
Taya	863	2.1
Taya Comm. 1	280	-2.1
Team Computers	4990	0
Technoplast	650	2.7
Tedea	1371	-2
Tedea Bond A	110.5	0
Tedea Warrant 1	245	-9.3
Telahot Preferred	179300	0
Telan	1050	0
Teldor	552	0
Telels	1230	0
Telels Warrant 1	313	0
Tena	190	0
Tevza	199	0
Tevza insured	208	0
Tibon Veal	131	0
Tim Warrant 3	600	0
Tiv	410	0
TMM	170	0
Tobias	2260	0
Tom	800	-9.1
Topline	550	0
Topline Bond 2	165	0
Topper	32.9	0
Topper Bond 1	63	0
Total Compounds	329	0
Trade	415	0
Trade Bond A	209	0
Trend Line	1573	10
Trocadero	35	0
Trydial	370	0
Tsaber	199	0
Tsarfati	520	0
Tsarfati Bond A	156.5	0
Tsur	158	-1.2
Tsur Bond A	258	-0.8
Tsur Bond B	125	-0.2
Tsur Bond C	102	0
Tsur Preferred	165	0
Tottenauer	999	0
Tzmicha	620	0
Tzmicha Bond A	183	0
Ulitski	38.1	0
Unibar 1	754	0
Unibar 5	784	0
Unico	3800	0
Unicom 1	65	0
Unicom Bond 1	253	0
Unidress	2070	0
United Steel	160	0
United Steel Industries Bond 1	169	0
Universal	436	0
Urdan	235	0
Urdan Warnt 5	95	0
Uropa Israel	3140	3
Vardinon	18390	-0.1
Vardinon Bond A	154.2	0
Vardinon Convertible Bond AAA	155.5	0
Videomatrix	28.7	0
Vilar	405	0
Vilar Bond 1	157.6	-2.1
Vili Food	1280	0
Viliger Bond A	151	0
Vitalgo	350	0
Vitalgo Bond A	128	0
Vulcan	500	0
Vulcan Bond 1	254	0
Will Bond A	89	0
Will Warrant 1	435	0
Woolfman 1	508	0.6
Woolfman 5	2180	3.8
Woolfson	64200	0
Ya'ans	579	0
Yaacobi	127	0

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Yaad Bond A	178.1	-0.4
Yaad Bond B	83.8	0.4
Yaad Industries	290	0
Yaad Warrant 3	34.1	0
Yad	490	0
Yamil	198	0
Yarden	475	0
Yarden Bond 2	136.5	0
YDPZ	270	0
YDPZ Bond A	151.8	0
Yeda	1620	0
Yehuda	209	0
Yesh Gad	38.7	0
Yhaal	1589	-0.7
Yrshal Warrant 1	298	0
Yona Bond A	157.3	-0.2
Yona Hotels	184	0
Yozma	437	0
Yuval	144	6.7
Zafrir	585	0
Zanet Holdings	54.5	0
Zarfati Bond B	90.3	0
Zarfati Warrant 2	19.6	-36.6
Zat	109.8	0
Zehavi	110	-2.7
Zeller Ablagon	417	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond A	151.9	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond B	126	0
Zeller Inv. Bond A	68	3
Zeller Inv. Warrant 1	3	0
Zika 1	653	0
Zika 5	2900	-4.3
Zikit 1	3750	0
Zikit 5	14500	0
Zinorametal	550	8.3
Zion Cables 1	235	0
Zion Holdings	14720	0
Zion Textiles	207	7.5
Ziv	276	0
Zohar	335	0
Zoko	270	0

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AMEX

	LAST	CHANGE*
Am Israel Paper Mills	35.75	-0.75
Ampal American Israel	4.75	-0.125
Carmel Container Sys	5.375	-0.125
Electro Chemical Ind	0.6875	0
Emultek	2.875	-0.125
Etz Lavud	6.875	0
Etz Lavud Cl A	4.875	0
Integrated Technology	1.5	+0

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	LAST	CHANGE*
ACS Electronics Ltd	2.0625	+0
Accent Software	0.15625	+0
A.G. Associates	4.125	+0.0625
Aladdin	9.375	-0.8125
Ampal	13.75	0
Arel Commun & Software	4.6875	-0.375
Arel Comm & Soft Warrant	0.5625	+0.125
Better Online Solutions	5.90625	-0.09375
Better Online Sol Ltd 99	0.15625	-0.03125
Bio Technology General	5.6875	-0.0625
B.V.R. Technologies	3.125	+0.125
Checkpoint Software	36.125	-0.25
Cimatron	1.75	+0
Comverse Technology	67	-2.125
Crystal Systems Solutions	9.875	-0.375
D.S.P.G. Group	17.75	-0.25
D.S.P.T. Tech	7.25	+0
Data Systems Software	2.6875	-0.1875
ECI Telecom	37.0625	-0.625
Edusoft	7.125	-0.625
Electric Fuel	2.84375	-0.09375
Electronics for Imaging	31.75	-0.84375
Elbit Computers	3.25	+0.0625
Elron Electronics ord	14.6875	-0.625
Elron Electronics Ind Ltd	-	-
Elbit Medical Imaging	9.9375	-0.3125
Elbit Systems Ltd	11.625	+0.0625
Eltek Circuit Boards	1.6875	+0.0625
Engel General Developers	2.375	+0.125
ESC Medical Systems Ltd	9.9375	-0.8125
Elbit Vision Systems	1.40625	-0.03125
Eshed Robotec (1982)	0.375	0
Formula Systems (1985)	24	-1.5
Forsoft Ltd	10.9375	-0.4375
Fundtech	15.0625	+0.0625
Galileo	21.875	-0.875
G.Willi-Food	1.875	+0.3125
Gilat Comm Ltd	9.125	+0.375
Gilat Satellite Networks	51.5	-3
Genesis Bns	3.59375	-0.28125
Healthcare Technologies	1	+0.0625
Home Center	10.75	+0
I.C.T.S.	5.25	+0
IIC Industries	8.78125	0
I.I.S. Intelligent Info	0.375	+0
Israel Land Develop - ADR	12.5	0
Indigo	3.375	-0.125
ISG Intl Software Group	10.25	-0.8125
Isramco	2.25	-0.25
Isramco Warrants A	-	-
Isramco Warrants B	-	-
Lan Optics	1.125	-0.0625
Logal	0.40625	+0.03125
Level 8 Systems	8	-0.75
M-Systems Flash Disk	4.875	-0.375
Madge	4.25	-0.4375
Magal Security Systems	2	-0.09375
Matav	20.375	+0.125
Media El	7	-0.375
Memco	14.25	-1.5625
Mer Telemanagement	1.625	+0
Mercury	50	-2.625
Magic Software Enterprises	4.125	-0.25
Netmanage	2.21875	-0.25
New Dimension Software	33.125	-1.5
Nexus Telecomm Sys Ltd	3.0625	+0.125
Nice Systems	20.25	-1.375
Neuro-Medical Systems	0.3125	+0.0625
Noga Electro Mechanical	0.96875	+0
Nur Tecnology	2.6875	-0.0625
Opti Systems Solutions	8.5	+0
Optomedics Medical Tech	1.875	-0.625
Optomedics Medical Warrant	0.40625	0
Orbit/FR Inc	3	+0.3125
Orbotech	41.75	+0.25
Orckit	15.125	-0.75
Oshap Technologies	6.375	-0.125
Paradigm Geophys	4.25	0
Pharmos	1.59375	-0.03125
Point of Sale	7	-0.1875
Rada Electronics Ind	1.09375	+0
Radcom Ltd	2.625	+0.5625
RIT Technologies	1.875	+0.15625
RSL Communications	27.5	-2
Scitex Corporations	10.4375	+0.0625
Silicom	2.03125	0
Summit Design	8.375	-1
Sapiens International	7	+0.125
Scanvec	2.4375	0
Tadiran Telecomm	20.25	-0.25
Taro Pharmaceuticals Ind	5.0625	-0.0625
Tat Technologies	1.0625	-0.125
Technomatix Technologies	13.75	-0.1875
Teva	41.375	-1.75
Top Image Systems	2.875	+0.25
Top Image Systyms Warrant	0.15625	+0
Teledata Communications	-	-
Tower Semiconductor	9.5	-0.1875
TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd	7.375	-0.1875
TTR Inc	-	-
TVG Technologies	0.46875	0
TVG Tech A	0.25	0
TVG Tech B	0.3125	+0
TVG Tech C	0.21875	+0
Vocaltec	10.375	-0.75
Wiz Tec Solutions	11.75	-0.625
Zoran Corporation	12.375	-0.6875

NYSE

	LAST	CHANGE*
Amdocs	15.125	-0.4375
Blue Square	10.125	-0.625
D.S.P. Communications	13.9375	-1
Elscint	11.75	+0.125
First Israel Fund	11.9375	-0.25
PEC Israel Economic Corp	28.375	+0.25
Koor	17.25	-1.125
Simula Inc	8.375	-0.375
Super-Sol Ltd	11.5	0
Tadiran	35.8125	+0
Tefron Ltd	6	-0.625

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LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Batm Advanced	176.5	+0
Dmatek Ltd	32.5	+0
Pilat	11.5	+0
S.E.A. Multimedia	4	+0

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INTERNATIONAL SHARES

NEW YORK

	LAST	CHANGE*
Alza	49	-3.0625
AMP Inc	48.375	-0.875
AMR Corp	54.5625	-3.6875
ASA	17.25	-0.375
Abbott Labs	47.75	-1.125
Advanced Micro	28.375	-1.8125
Aetna Life	77.25	-1
Affiliated Publ	17.875	+0
Aflac	37	-1.5625
Ahmanson (HF)	-	-
Air Prods	36.75	+0.5
Alberto-Culv B	24.3125	-0.1875
Albertson's	63.4375	-1.4375
Alcan Aluminum	26.9375	+0.5
Allied Signal	40.4375	-0.75
Alcoa	72.9375	+0
Amax	-	-
Amazon	222.25	-0.75
Amerada Hess	50.25	-0.5
Amer Brands	21.5625	-0.0625
Amer El Power	47.0625	+0.625
Amer Express	91.5	-2.25
Amer Genl Corp	66.625	-1.3125
Amer Greeting	39	-1.75
Amer Home Pr	51.3125	-1.625
Amer Int'l	87.25	-3.3125
Amer Natl Ins	83.5625	-1.1875
Amer Power Conv	41.75	+0.0625
Amer Stores	36.7813	-1.15625
Amer T & T	68.5	-1.5625
Amer West Hldg	13.25	-0.25
Ameritech	56.625	-1.625
Ametek Inc	20.5625	-0.25
Amgen	81.25	-1.8125
Amoco	54.5625	-1.8125
Analog Devices	25.125	-0.9375
Andrew Corp	17.625	-0.1875
Ankeuser-Busch	62.125	-1.125
Aon Corp	55.25	-1.0625
Apple Computer	32.5	-1.25
Applied Magnetics	7.5625	-0.625
Applied Materials	39.125	-2.8125
Archer Daniels	16.1875	-0.625
Armco	4.1875	+0
Armstrong World	65.3125	-1.5625
Asarco	16.3125	+0.25
Ascend	58.625	-1.5625
Ashland Coal	18.875	-0.125
Ashland Oil	48.9375	-0.1875
Atlantic Energy	24.1875	+0.1875
Atlantic Richfld	65.0625	+0.25
Auto Data Pro	74.6875	-1.3125
Autodesk	40.125	-2.25
Avery Dennison	44	-0.4375
Avnet Inc	51.3125	-1.75
Avon Products	37.375	-0.375
Balmco Corp	6.5625	+0.375
Baker Hughes	18.8125	+0.3125
Ball Corp	41.5	-1.125
Baltimore Gas	30.75	-0.125
Banc One Corp	51.75	-0.9375
Bandag	37.5	-0.3125
BankAmerica	56.375	-2.5
Bank of Boston	38.4375	-1.0625
Bank of New Yk	33.3125	-0.6875
Bankers Trst NY	81.9375	-0.0625
Barnes & Noble	30.3125	-1.4375
Battle Mount Gld	4.4375	+0.125
Bausch & Lomb	56.25	-0.5625
Baxter Intl	62.5625	-0.5
Bay Network	-	-
Becton Dickinson	38.75	-2.125
Bed Bath & Bynd	28.8125	-0.6875
Bell Atlantic	53.5	-1.1875
Bell Industries	10.375	-0.0625
BellSouth	89.25	+1.0625
HA Belo Corp	17.6875	-0.0625
Beneficial Corp	20.25	0
Bethlehem Steel	7.75	-0.0625
Beverly Entprs	6.25	-0.1875
Biomet	35.125	-1.9375
Black & Decker	52.875	+0.5
Boeing	33.5625	+0.4375
Boise Cascade	29.875	+0.5625
Bowater Inc	38.1875	+0.1875
Briggs & Strtn	49.3125	-1.25
Brstl Myrs Sqb	121.25	-3.875
Brit Airws ADR	59	-1.625
Brit Steel ADR	15.8125	-0.375
Brit Telecom	143.375	+0.1875
Brown Group	17.4375	-0.1875
Brown & Sharpe	8.375	-0.25
Browning Ferris	30	-0.625
Brunswick	19.125	-0.6875
Burlington Nthn	32.8125	+0.125
Burlington Res	36.875	-0.375
CBS Inc	27.75	-1.3125
CKS Group	30.125	-0.875
CMS Energy Corp	48.125	-0.5625
CSX Corporation	41.5625	-0.625
Cabot Corp	28.375	-0.5625
Campbell Soup	54.625	-1.125
Canadian Pac	21.0625	-0.375
Capital Cts ABC	51.5625	-2.0625
Capstead	4	+0
Carematrix Corp	25.875	-0.375
Carnival Corp	38.25	-2
Carolina Pwr Lt	46.5625	-0.4375
Carpenter Tech	32	+0.375
Caterpillar	48.25	-0.375
Centex Corp	39.6875	+1.0625
Central & SW	27.625	-0.125
Ceridian	63.5625	-1.4375
Champion Intl	39.625	+0.125
Chrng Shoppes	3.6875	-0.1875
Chase Manhattan	58.8125	-2.0625
Chevron Corp	85.6875	-0.25
Chiquita Brands	10.125	-0.3125
Cholestec	3.4375	+0.1875
Chrysler	46	-1.75
Chubb Corp	68	-2
Cisco	90.375	-3.125
Clevld Cliffs	37.9375	-0.3125
Clorox	112.75	+0.5625
Coastal Corp	31.5	+0.375
Coca Cola	63.375	+0.5
Coca Cola Ent	33.625	-0.9375
Colgate Palmolv	82.875	+0.875
Comcast Corp A	55.1875	+0.1875
Compaq	40.8125	-1.0625
Compute Ass Int	39	-8.25
Computer Sci	65.0625	-2.1875
Conagra	32.0625	+0.8125
Cons Edison	51.4375	-0.375
Cons Freightwys	31.4375	-0.5
Cons Nat Gas	51.5	-0.125
Cooper Inds	49.625	-0.1875
Coors (Adolph)	52.4375	+0.1875
Corning Inc	43	-1.375
Crane	28	+0.3125
Crompton Knowles	19.125	+0
Crown Cork Seal	28.8125	-1.3125
Cummins Engine	34.625	-0.75
Curtiss-Wright	34.4375	-0.1875
Cypress Semicon	10.375	-0.0625
Cyprus Mineral	9.75	+0.0625
Cytec Indust	20.8125	-0.75
DQE	41.5625	-0.3125
Dallas Semi	36.5625	-0.875
Dana Corp	38	-1.75
Data General	18.0625	+0.1875
Dayton Hudson	48.6875	-1.25
De Beers	12.625	-0.3125
Deere	31	+0.1875
Dell Computers	64.625	-2.5625
Delta Air Lnes	45.75	-1.125
Deluxe Corp	35.25	-0.5625
Detroit Edison	41.5	-1.0625
Dial Corp Del	28.125	-0.375
Diebold Inc	33.125	-1.875
Digital Equip	-	-
Dillard Dep St	28.625	+1.125
Disney (Walt)	30.625	-1.875
Dominion Res	46.1875	+0.5625
Doneley (RR)	42.375	-0.75
Dover Corp	34.5625	-0.125
Dow Chemicals	93.125	-0.125
Dow Jones	46.4375	+0.25
Dresser	-	-
DSC Comm	-	-
Duke Power	61.625	+0.4375
Dun & Bradst	29.125	-0.5625
Du Pont	53.875	+1.625
E G & G Corp	26.625	-0.3125
Eastern Ents	41.0625	+0.375
Eastman Kodak	70.875	-1.125
Eaton Corp	68.9375	+0.625
Echlin Inc	-	-
Egghead Com	18.3125	-1.375
Emerson Elec	60.9375	-0.625
Engelhard Corp	18.8125	-0.1875
Enron Corp	53.875	-0.125
Entergy Corp	31.9375	+0
Enzo Biochem	11.6875	-0.125
Equifax Inc	42.1875	+0.25
Ericsson	22.3125	-0.5
Ethyl Corp	5.3125	-0.4375
Exide Corp	15.1875	-0.8125
Exxon	74.4375	-0.1875
FMC Corp	54.75	-0.6875
FPL Group	62.25	-0.6875
Fedders Corp	5	+0
Federal Express	70.25	-1.5625
Federal Mogul	56.9375	-1.4375
Fed Nat Mtge	67.25	-1.0625
First Chicago	-	-
First Union	60	-0.4375
Fruit of the Loom	13.5625	-0.6875
Fst Union Rlty	5.625	+0.125
Fleet Finl Grp	39.0625	+0.9375
Fleetwd Enterp	34.0625	-0.625
Fleming Cos Ok	10.8125	-0.8125
Florida Prog	44.5	+0.0625
Fluor Corp	42.6875	-0.3125
Food Lion Inc	9.21875	-0.4375
Ford Motor	52.375	-2.5
Fortune Brands	32	-0.75
Foster Wheeler	16.3125	-0.1875
Furniture Brands	25.125	-0.375
Galoob Toys	-	-
Gateway 2000	49.5625	-3.875
GATX Corp	36.75	-1.25
GTE Corp	63.1875	-1.1875
Gannett	61.125	-0.875
Gap Inc Del	47.5	-3.25
Gencorp	26.25	+1.5
Gen Am Invest	29.5625	-0.125
Gen Dynamics	54.125	-2.3125
Gen Electric	86.8125	-2.25
Gen Mills	74.5	+0.5
Gen Motors	65.75	-3.125
Gen Motors H	36.6875	-1.5625
Gen Public Util	43.875	-0.5625
Gen Reinsurnce	215.813	+5.75
Gen Signal	-	-
Gen DataComm	2.875	-0.1875
Genuine Parts	32.375	+0.5625
Georgia Pac	56.1875	+0.5625
Germany Fund	13.25	-0.4375
Gillette	41.4375	+0.0625
Glaxo ADR	64.625	-1.125
Golden W Finl	84.4375	-2.125
Goodrich (BF)	33	-0.625
Goodyear Tire	54.5625	-1
Grace (W&R)	16	+0
Grainger (WW)	40.625	-0.25
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29.3125	-0.8125
Grt Central Mine	1.9375	-0.125
Gulf Canada Rsc	2.6875	-0.1875
Halliburton	32.25	+1.5
Hanna (MA)	12.375	-0.625
Harcourt	49.3125	-0.25
Harley Davidson	40.6875	-0.375
Harnischfeger	8.3125	-0.625
Harrah's Ent	14.5	-0.625
Harris Corp	35.3125	-1.0625
Harsco Corp	29.375	+0.0625
Hartmarx	5.375	-0.25
Hasbro	33.375	-1.6875
HBO & Co	24.5	-0.5625
Health Care Ppt	29.6875	-0.6875
Hecla Mining	3.8125	-0.0625
Heinz (HJ)	54.5	-0.125
Helix Technol	10.375	-0.625
Hmrch & Payne	18.25	+0.6875
Hercules	29.25	-0.3125
Hershey Foods	63.125	-0.5
Hewlett Packard	63.5	-1.9375
Hilton Hotels	19.1875	-0.25
Hirsch Int	2.875	+0
Hollinger	13.3125	-0.1875
Home Depot	50.9375	-2.25
Homestake	9.5625	-0.1875
Honeywell	76.4375	+0.375
Hormel (Geo)	30.5	-0.4375
Household Intl	31.8125	-0.75
Houston Inds	32.9375	-0.3125
Humana	18.4375	-0.6875
IBM	182.875	-5.125
Illinova Corp	27.375	-0.375

	LAST	CHANGE*
Illinois Tool	57.125	-0.875
INCO	10.1875	-0.1875
Ind Comm Bank	15.125	-0.125
Ingersoll Rand	43.6875	-1.0625
Inland Steel	15	+0.375
Intel Corp	111.563	-4.875
Intergraph	5.71875	+0.21875
Interlake	7.0625	+0
Intl Flav & Fr	41.4375	-0.1875
Intl Multifoods	21.4375	-0.4375
Intl Paper	41.5625	+0.875
Interpublic	65.75	+0
Jefferson Pilt	68.1875	-0.75
Johnson & J	78.875	-0.9375
K Mart	13.75	-0.375
Kaiser Alum	5.25	-0.125
Kellogg	35.5	+0.375
KLA Instruments	37.5625	-3
Kennametal	17	-0.75
Kerr-McGee	36.25	-0.5625
KeyCorp	30.8125	-0.25
Kimberly-Clark	51.5	-0.75
King World Prod	27.75	-0.1875
Knight Ridder	49.1875	-0.875
Kroger	53.0625	-0.9375
LSI Logic	17.1875	-0.625
Legget & Platt	22.0625	-0.625
Leucadia Natl	28.6875	-0.75
Lilly (Eli)	87.6875	-2.25
Limited Inc	25.5	-1.4375
Linear Technol	74.4375	-0.375
Lincoln Nat	80.5625	-1.4375
Litton	60	-1.125
Liz Claiborne	29.8125	-1.0625
Lockheed Corp	95.6875	+0.375
Loews Corp	85.1875	-0.6875
Lone Star	68.3125	-0.25
Longs Drug Sts	36.125	-0.8125
Loral Corp	16.75	-1.4375
Louisiana Pacif	17.125	+0.0625
Lowe's Co Inc	42.375	-1.5625
Lucent Tech	93.75	-5.1875
Lubrizol	25.5	-0.75
Madge	4.25	+0.4375
Mallinckrodt	30.5	-0.5
Manor Care	-	-
Mapco Inc	11.25	-0.9375
Marriott	28.5	-0.6875
Mrsh & McLn	55.5625	-0.8125
Marvel	-	-
Masco Corp	28.8125	-0.625
Massmutual Corp	23.9375	-0.125
Mattel Inc	22.25	-7.875
May Dept St	58.5	-0.125
Maytag Corp	58.8125	+0.3125
McDermott	28.375	+0.5
McDonalds	66.75	-1.5
McGraw Hill	96.0625	-1.625
McKesson Corp	69.8125	-1.125
Mead Corp	29.125	+0
Medtronic	68	-1
Mellon Bk	64.9375	-0.5625
Mentor Graphics	8.625	+0
Merck Inc	145.563	+0
Meredith Corp	36.1875	-1.3125
Merrill Lynch	61.9375	-4.0625
Micron Technol	48	+0
Microsoft Corp	127.938	-5.0625
Millipore	27.75	+0.4375
Mine Safety App	57	-2.5
Minnesota Mine	74.4375	+1.25
Mitchell Energy	10.375	-0.375
Mobil Corp	89.375	+0.5
Mobile Telecom	-	-
Molex Inc	30.375	+0.1875
Monarch Macht	7.125	+0.125
Monsanto	41.25	-1
Morgan (JP)	97.0625	-3.4375
Morton Intl	26.75	-0.125
Motorola Inc	55.75	-1.3125
Murphy Oil	38.5625	-0.375
Nacco Inds	89	+0.3125
Nalco Chemical	33.0625	+0.4375
Nashua Corp	15.8125	0
Natl City Corp	66.5625	-1.0625
Natl Semi	13.875	-1.375
Natl Serv Ind	35.25	-0.5625
NatWest Bank	101.25	-3.25
Navistar Int	25.9375	-0.1875
Netscape	38.125	-1.125
New England El	48.25	+5.25
News Corp	24	-1.125
NY State El Gas	-	-
NY Times	33.25	+0
Newmont Mining	18.25	+0.125
Niag Mohawk	18.25	-0.125
Nicor Inc	40.4375	-0.75
Nike Inc	38	+2
NL Industries	13.75	-1.3125
Noble Affil	24.3125	-0.125
Nokia	106.625	-1.75
Nordstrom	32.6875	-2.1875
Norfolk Southrn	31.3125	+0.5625
Northeast Util	15.9375	-0.1875
Northern Telecom	44.5625	-1.375
Novell	16.875	-0.9375
Nthn State Pwr	28.3125	+0.0625
Northrop	72.25	+0.5
Norwest Corp	-	-
NSI	0.3125	+0.0625
Occidental Pet	18.25	+0.125
Ogden Corp	24.0625	-1
OEA	12.75	-0.125
Ohio Casualty	38.8125	-1.3125
Olin Corp	29.625	+0.125
Omnicom Group	50.6875	-2.3125
Oneok Inc	39.5	+0.25
Oracle Systems	37.125	-0.125
Oryx Energy Co	12.75	-0.375
Oshkosh B'gosh	18.75	-0.5
Overseas Ship	14.1875	-1.5
Owens Corning	37.0625	+0.5
PNC Financial	50.25	+0.375
PPG Industries	58.875	-0.3125
Paccar Inc	40.8125	-1.5625
Pacificorp	20.5625	-0.3125
Pac Enterprises	-	-
Pac Gas & Elect	31.5625	-0.3125
Pall Corp	24.0625	-0.6875
Parker Drilling	3.3125	+0
Parker Hannifin	31.0625	-0.3125
Payless Shoe	43.25	-0.5
Penney(JC)	54.4375	-0.375
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	27.3125	-0.125
Pennzoil	35	-0.25
People's Energy	37.4375	-0.5
Pepsico	37.0625	-0.75
Perkin Elmer	94.4375	+2.6875
Pfizer	111.75	-3.125
Pharmacia & Upj	52.0625	-0.5
Phelps Dodge	52.1875	-0.4375
Philadel Elec	39.1875	+0.1875
Philip Morris	51.75	-1.125
Philips Elec	63.5	-2.875
Philips Pet	40.875	-0.3125
Phycor Inc	4.71875	-0.09375
Pioneer Hi Bred	27.1875	-1.625
Pitney Bowes	61	-1.25
Policy Mgt Sys	53.4375	-0.5625
Polycom	19.4375	-0.375
Potash Corp	61.25	+0.875
Potomac El Pwr	26.25	-0.25
Procter & Gamble	86.625	+1.5625
Promus Hotel Cor	33.375	+0.125
Pub Svc Enterpr	39.5	-0.125
Pug Snd Pwr	27.375	-0.0625
Quaker Oats	60.125	-0.5
Qualcom	49.125	-3.0625
Quanex Corp	20.9375	-0.0625
RJR Nabisco	28.8125	+0.5
Ralston Purina	33.125	-0.1875
Rank Orgnsn ADR	7.125	+0
Raychem Corp	31.625	-0.875
Raytheon A	51.5	-1.4375
Raytheon B	52.3125	-1.5
Reebok Intl	14.125	-0.4375
Republic NY	43.75	-0.75
Reynolds Reyn A	21.125	-0.25
Reynolds Metals	53.9375	+0
Rite Aid Corp	41.1875	-1.9375
Rockwell Intl	48.875	-2.3125
Rohm & Haas	33.0625	-0.0625
Rouse	27.4375	-0.1875
Rowan	10.3125	+0.5
Royal Dutch	46.5625	-1.75
Rubbermaid	30	+0.71875
Ruddick	20.3125	+0.875
Russell Corp	18.9375	+0.25
Ryder System	26.125	-1.375
SPS Technology	50.75	+0.625
Safeco Corp	40.9375	+0.1875
Safety-Kleen	12.5625	-0.125
St Paul's Cos	34.75	-0.375
Sara Lee Corp	56.125	+1.1875
Schering Plough	53.5625	-3.9375
Schlumberger	44.9375	+1.25
Scientif Atlanta	20.0625	-0.5
Scripps	46.875	-1
Seagate Tech	30.5	-0.3125
Seagram	36.9375	+0.8125
Sears Roebuck	40.6875	-1.125
Sempra Energy	25.25	-0.25
Sensormatic Elec	6.75	-0.125
Sequent Computer	10.375	-0.625
Service Corp I	36.8125	-1.9375
Service Master	22.125	-0.875
Shell Trans	35.75	-1.4375
Sherwin Willms	27.75	-0.3125
Shoney's Inc	1.5	+0
Sigma Aldrich	28.5625	-0.0625
Silicon Graphics	13.3125	-0.0625
Skyline Corp	31.9375	-0.6875
Smith Intl	25.1875	+0.625
SmKline Bchm A	64.4375	-0.0625
Snap-On-Tools	32.75	-0.0625
Sonat	27.0625	+0.0625
Sonocco Prods	28.25	-0.375
Sony Corp ADR	71	-2.25
Southdown	58.0625	-2.1875
Southern Co	28.9375	-0.5
Sth N. Eng Tel	-	-
Southw Airlines	21.375	-0.25
SBC Sthwstn Bell	48	-1.8125
Spring Inds	36.8125	-1.0625
Sprint Corp	77.125	-4.25
Standard Prods	17.1875	-0.5
Stanley Works	28.875	-1.0625
Stone Container	-	-
Storage Technol	32.1875	-3.8125
Stratus Comp	-	-
Sun America	1.5625	+0
Sunbeam Corp	5.5	-0.375
Sun Company	31	-0.3125
Sundstrand	48	-0.75
Sun Microsystms	78.25	-1.125
Sunshine Mining	0.5	-0.0625
Suntrust	70	-0.3125
Supervalu	25.5	-0.4375
Symantec	19.375	-0.5
Sysco Corp	26.5625	+0.1875
TJX Cos Inc	24.5625	-0.625
TRW Inc	54	-0.3125
Tab Products	6.4375	+0.0625
Tandy Corp	38	-0.1875
Telecom Corp	46.3125	-1.125
Telefonos de Mex	45.875	-1.875
Telef De Espana	129.5	-5
Temple Inland	52.5625	+1.375
Tenneco	34.375	+0.625
Tenet Health	25.125	-1.4375
Teradyne	37	-2.125
Tesoro Pet	11.125	-1.1875
Texaco	55.1875	-1.1875
Texas Instrmnts	78.8125	-1.25
Texas Utilities	47	-0.125
Textron	71	-2.6875

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	LAST	CHANGE*
Thiokol	-	-
Thomas & Betts	41.8125	-0.8125
ThreeCom	42.4375	-1.375
Time Warner	109	-1.5
Times-Mirror	55.1875	-0.0625
Timken	17.625	-0.1875
Torchmark	35.125	-1.25
Tosco Corp	23.375	-0.125
Toys R Us	17.375	-0.8125
Transamerica	98.9375	-3.25
Transco Energy	60.375	+0.8125
Travelers Grp	4.625	-0.0625
Tribune	61	-1.5625
Triton Energy	8.25	-0.4375
TWA	5.625	-0.375
Tyco Ind Ltd	65.1875	-2.8125
Tyler	5.6875	-0.5
UAL Corp	57	-0.0625
USG Corp	44.5	-1.375
UST Inc	33.8125	+0.0625
USX Marathon	27.6875	-0.0625
USX-US Steel	22.125	-0.3125
Ultramar Diam	24.6875	-0.1875
Unicom Corp	38.5625	-0.1875
Unilever PLC	40.3125	-0.875
Unilever NV	75.5	-1.625
Union Camp	63.375	+1.375
Union Carbide	40.5625	-0.5
Union Pacific	45.625	-1.25
Unisys Corp	30.3125	-0.625
USAIR Group	46.5	-2.5
USF&G Corp	-	-
US Home	33	+0.375
US Surgical	-	-
US Trust	64.375	-0.625
US West	59.5625	-2.0625
United Tech	100.5	-3.1875
Unocal Corp	30.625	-0.375
VF Corp	46.1875	-1.25
VMRX Pharmaceutic	1.1875	-0.0625
Valero Energy	18	-0.0625
Varian Assoc	38.375	-0.625
Viacom Inc	66.125	-2.125
Vishay	13.3125	-0.625
Vulcan Materials	126.688	-1.8125
Wachovia	83.5	+1.75
Walgreen	55.5625	-0.5
Wal-Mart Stores	74.8125	-1.5
Warner-Lambert	73.5625	-2.1875
Wash Gas Light	25.875	-0.125
Washington Mutu	-	-
Washington Post	520.25	+0.75
Waste Mgmnt Inc	43.5625	-2
Watkins-Johnson	20	-0.375
Weis Markets	36.75	-1.03125
Wells Fargo	34.75	-1.5
Wendy's Intl	18.6875	-0.0625
Westvaco	27	-0.125
Weyerhaeuser	47	+0.375
Whirlpool	55.8125	+0
Whitman	22.0625	-0.3125
Williams Co	27.5	+0.9375
Winn Dixie Stos	41.375	-1
Woolworth	6.9375	-0.125
World Comm	62.1875	-2.1875
Worthington Ind	12	+0.1875
Wrigley	81.8125	-1.4375
Xerox	104	-3.3125
Yahoo	191.25	-4.4375
Yellow Freight	16.25	-0.125
Zero Co	-	-

LONDON

Allied Domecq	550.25	+1.25
Allied Zurich	806	-15
BAT Inds	516	+11.25
BT	880	+5
BTR	119.75	+0
Barclays	1207	-21
Bass	769.5	-13.5
Boots	921	+5
British Airways	344.5	-6.75
Comm Union plc	847.5	+2
Diageo	647	+2
General Electric	521	-16.5
Glaxo	1928	-26
Halifax	848.5	+0.5
HSBC (75p shs)	1532	-23
ICI	571	-7.5
Land Securities	788	-6
Lloyds Bank	777	+5
Marks & Spencer	408.25	+17
NatWest Bank	1018	-27
Prudential	847	+0.5
Reuters	523.5	-15.5
Sainsbury	450.5	-1.5
Shell Transport	350.25	-2.75
Tyco Intl	3950	+0
Unilever	593.5	-6
Zeneca	2514	-45

PARIS

Accor	1103	-47
Air Liquide	960	+6
Alcatel Alsthom	648	-25
Euro Disney	7.15	[illegible]
Michelin B	211	-3
Moulinex	87.2	-1.55
Paribas	466	-1.9
Pernod Ricard	340.2	-17.8
Peugeot	819	-6
Saint Gobain	716	-20

FRANKFURT

Bayer	64.8	-0.25
Daimler-Benz	150	-2
Lufthansa	34.8	+1.5
Mannesmann	-	
Metallgesellschaft	27.5	+0
Volkswagen	121.6	+1

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 14-DEC-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Basket) (1)	4.5767	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	4.162	0
British Pound (1)	7.0042	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.5179	0
French Franc (1)	0.7507	0
Japanese Yen (100)	0.359	0
Swiss Franc (1)	3.1155	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.7052	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.5426	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.8684	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	8695.6	-126.16
DJ Transport	2858.66	-70.85
DJ Utils	304.21	-0.21
DJ Comp	2709.24	-37.97
NYSE Industr	692.53	-12.75
NYSE Transport	433.48	-10.38
NYSE Comp	554.53	-10.29
S&P 100	562.63	-12.05
S&P Spot Index	1141.18	-25.28
Israel Index	264.6	-7.8

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5534.5	-7.2
Tokyo Nikkei	14111.6	-294
Singapore all-share index	381.45	-5.7
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	9825.2	-126.8
Israel Index	264.6	-7.8
Paris CAC 40	3663.21	-32.49
DAX	4536.2	-106.46
Madrid	812.64	-17.52
Swiss Market Index	6659.3	-3.2
Sydney	2676.5	-53.5
Milan	1346.07	-33.4

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.6928	+0.0048
Mar.future (CME)	1.6886	+0.0024
D-mark: spot	1.6486	+0.0025
Mar.future (CME)	0.6094	-0.0005
S-franc: spot	1.3272	+0.0021
Mar.future (CME)	0.7609	-0
Yen: spot	115.54	-0.88
Mar.future (CME)	0.00877	+6.3e-005
CanDlr: spot	1.5415	+0.0015
Mar.future (CME)	0.6489	-0.0002
AusDlr: spot	0.6192	-0.0009
Mar.future (CME)	0.6206	-0.0008
F-franc: spot	5.529	+0.011
It Lira: spot	1632.5	+2
Nig: spot	1.8581	+0.0036
AutShlg: spot	11.6152	+0.0035
Rand: spot	6.015	+0.055
ECU: spot	1.1909	-0.0015

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Mar) (CEC)	1418	+4
Coffee (Mar) (CEC)	117.85	+2.7
Wheat (Mar) (CBOT)	278	+3.25
Soybean (Jan) (CBOT)	552.25	-6
Orange juice (Jan)(CEC)	105.3	0
Crude Oil (Mar)(NYMEX)	12.08	+0.39
Bonds Mar.future	13002	+13
S and P Mar.future	1146	-27.3

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Mar) (LCE)	921	-5
Coffee (Mar) (LCE)	1785	+38
Sugar (Mar) (LCE)	243.5	-0.6
Brent crude oil (Mar)(IPE)	1064	+36

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	4.89	+0.09

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Feb)	292.8	+0.2
Silver (Mar)	4.892	+0.092
Platinum (Jan)	348.8	-2
Palladium (Mar)	291.5	-1.3
High-grade copper (Mar)	0.664	-0.002

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	291.25	-3.05
Gold PM fix	290.8	+0
Silver fix	294.3	+0

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from aproximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 14-DEC-98)

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TASE rises led by Bezeq

Tel Aviv

Stocks rose yesterday for the first time in three days, led by Bezeq, after Cable & Wireless Plc said it got an option to purchase 3 percent of the state-run telephone company next year.

The Maof Index of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange's 25 largest companies rose 0.48 percent to 300.60, after losing 2.53 percent on Sunday.

Bezeq gained 3.1 percent to 12.51 shekels. Cable & Wireless said it will purchase the holding from Merrill Lynch & Co. for $74.1 million plus interest, a price representing a share value for Bezeq of $3.28, or NIS 13.69.

The agreement locks in a price for Cable & Wireless to boost its 13 percent stake in Bezeq to 20 percent next year, when it gets approval from the government to increase its holding, while allowing Merrill Lynch to cut its stake in the telephone company. In July, Cable & Wireless secured an option to buy another 4.15 percent stake in Bezeq from Hong Kong's HSBC Holdings at $3.30 a share.

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries lost 1.4 percent to 174.3. Expectations for growing earnings for Israel's largest drugmaker dimmed after Merck & Co., the world's biggest drugmaker, said last week that its 1999 profit would be less than expected, analysts said.

Israel Chemicals gained 1.9 percent to 3.77. The miner of potash and bromine was reiterated "outperform" at Lehman Brothers.

Clal Industries and Investments declined 1 percent to 19.26. The holding company has a 50 percent stake in Israel's cement monopoly, Nesher, which is considering purchasing an Indian cement company for $100 million, the daily *Yediot Aharonot* reported.

Europe

European stocks fell for a third day, led by Nestle SA and other companies that make a lot of sales in the US, as the dollar's decline against the deutsche mark threatens to erode their profits.

The Bloomberg Europe 500 Index dropped 1.31 points, or 0.70 percent, to 185.04, with decliners outnumbering gainers by more than two-to-one. Nestle, the world's largest foodmaker which makes more than 30 percent of its profit in the Americas, led the slump, down 48 Swiss francs to 2632. All of the benchmark indexes in Europe's eight biggest stock markets fell.

Royal Philips Electronics NV, which makes almost a quarter of its profit in North America, slipped 3.7 guilders to 119.2. Mannesmann AG, which earns the bulk of its revenue from machinery construction, fell 3.4 marks to 180.6.

"Companies that export commodities and machines are suffering as the dollar has been in long-term decline," said Emmanuel Morano, who helps manage $600 million in equities at brokerage Sogeposte in Paris. He's buying telephone companies which make most of their money in their home markets.

The dollar has dropped 2.5 percent against the mark this month and 8 percent this year, eroding the value of profits made in the US when converted back into European currencies. The dollar has been hit recently by concern President Bill Clinton will be impeached.

If the House of Representatives votes to impeach Clinton, there probably isn't enough support in the Senate to oust Clinton, analysts said. Still, the prospect of legislators being distracted from running the world's biggest economy is likely to drive the US currency lower, investors said.

"The dollar will continue to weaken in the short term," said Christian Heger, who manages 1.5 billion deutsche mark ($910 million) at Trinkhaus Capital Management in Duesseldorf.

STOCKS

Maof 300.60 ▲ 0.48%
Dow Jones 8966 ▼ 1.43%
FTSE 5534.5 ▼ 0.13%
Nikkei 14111 ▼ 2.4%

Asia

Japanese stocks fell to a one-month low after the government said it will take over Nippon Credit Bank Ltd., raising concern more struggling lenders and cash-strapped property developers may fail.

The Nikkei 225 index fell 294.02 points, or 2.0 percent, to 14,111.62, the lowest since November 12. Industrial Bank of Japan Ltd. and Yasuda Trust & Banking Co. paced the declines. The nationalization of Nippon Credit, Japan's 14th largest lender, was the second under an industry bailout started in October.

"Fund managers can't ignore the question of who's next," said Yosuke Mitsusada, senior fund manager at NCG Investment Trust Management Co. "The prospect of ending up with a bunch of worthless bank shares is a real one." In other markets, Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index fell 2.0 percent on concern the economy is sinking deeper into recession.

Australia's All Ordinaries index fell 2.0 percent as weak commodity prices weighed on resource stocks. Singapore's Strait's Times Index fell 2.2 percent, led by the island state's biggest banks after lower-than-expected loan growth in October.

The government took over Nippon Credit, whose shares were de-listed today, after financial authorities judged that its liabilities exceeded assets.

Japan's long-term credit banks, which were set up after the Second World War to finance reconstruction, all lent heavily to companies in the real-estate and construction industries during the 1980s. Residential real estate in Tokyo has declined 41 percent in value since peaking in 1991.

Earnings disappointments and weakening technology shares pushed stocks sharply lower, extending the market's week-long drop to nearly 400 points.

(Bloomberg)

Wall Street

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 126.16 points – or by 1.4% – to 8,695.60. The blue-chip index has fallen 374.87 points since December 7.

Broader stock indicators, including the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index, also lost ground. A trading frenzy has pushed up the share prices of many high-tech stocks far beyond what many market watchers consider to be realistic levels.

Stocks in general are ready for a breather, one market watcher noted. The markets have climbed steadily for weeks, despite a stream of disappointing earnings reports.

"The market, frankly, was due for a correction," said Charles White, portfolio manager and president at Avatar Associates in New York. "Perhaps fundamentals are now catching up with reality."

The Standard and Poor's 500 fell 24.13 to 1,142.33, and the Nasdaq composite index slipped a steep 58.80 to 1,970.51.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by an 11-to-4 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 2,283 up, 828 down, and 455 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 695.16 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 681.39 million in the previous session.

The NYSE composite index dropped 10.29 to 554.53, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 9.77 to 647.99.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies was off 7.54 to 387.83.

(AP)

Yen gains on concern over Clinton

The dollar fell to a 5 1/2- week low against the yen on concern impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton may distract the government and make global investors shun US financial assets.

The US currency extended losses in early morning trading as US stocks declined.

"The outlook for the dollar is generally bearish," said Diego Giurleo, manager of foreign exchange at Royal Bank of Canada. "There's a large overhang as a result of this political situation. It's certainly taking away from the government."

The dollar fell as low as 115.18 yen, its lowest level since November 4. In early trading it was at 115.32 yen from 116.35 Friday in New York. The US currency rose to 1.6507 marks from 1.6460 on expectations for slowing German growth. This year, it is down 11.4 percent against the yen and 8.2% versus the mark.

The dollar gained against the European currency unit, pushing the Ecu down to $1.1891 from $1.1925 Friday. The Ecu will be converted one-for-one for euros in January.

"If Clinton survives the impeachment process, his ability to work with a Republican-dominated Congress will be severely impaired," said Paul Chertkow, head of global currency research at Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi in London. He sees the dollar dropping below 110 yen in the first quarter of 1999.

CURRENCIES

Dollar 4.1620 ▲ 0.07%
Basket 4.5767 ▲ 0.21%
Mark 2.5179 ▲ 0.04%
Sterling 7.0042 ▲ 1.03%

The dollar's losses were offset by a report that showed Japanese business confidence, as expected, fell to a 4 1/2-year low.

The headline index in the Bank of Japan's closely followed quarterly "tankan" survey fell to minus 56, worse than the minus 51 in the last survey in September.

The dollar gained against the mark on expectations a report due Wednesday will show German business confidence slumped in November, boosting speculation the European Central Bank will trim interest rates next year. Lower rates tend to hurt a currency by lowering the money-market return on deposits denominated in it.

Western German business confidence, measured by the Ifo research institute's index, probably fell to 92.0 in November, according to a Bloomberg News poll. It slid to near a two-year low of 92.4 in October.

"People are worried about the Ifo," said Mike Metcalf, a currency strategist at NatWest Global Financial Markets in London. "The risks are for it to be worse, in which case the dollar will get a nudge up" against the mark, he said.

(Bloomberg)

Gold rises as dollar weakens

Precious Metals

Gold for February rose as much as 80 cents, or 0.3 percent, to $293.40 an ounce on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange. Precious metals rose as the dollar weakened and the US stock market declined on concern that impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton may distract the government and make global investors shun US financial assets. That's led investors to seek alternative assets, such as gold, that would retain their value if political problems in the US help weaken US financial markets further.

Oil

Brent crude oil futures for January delivery gained as much as 23 cents, or 2.3% to $10.05 barrel. The contract last traded 15 cents higher on London's International Petroleum Exchange on expectations that officials from Saudi Arabia, Mexico, and Venezuela could initiate further cuts in oil production in an attempt to boost prices from a year-long slump.

Venezuelan President-elect Hugo Chavez said oil ministers from his country, Mexico, and Saudi Arabia will meet in Madrid. The meeting will be this Thursday, an official at the Saudi Oil Ministry said.

COMMODITIES

Gold $291.85 ▲ 1%
Crude Oil $10.09 ▲ 0.27%
CRB 194 ▲ 0.20%

Others

Cocoa for March delivery fell as much as £11, or 1.2%, to a contract low of £915 a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange as few chocolate makers were seen stocking up on the cocoa beans now arriving at ports in Ivory Coast and Ghana, the world's two biggest growers. Cocoa supplies are accumulating in West African ports because of weak demand from chocolate manufactures, such as Barry Callebaut AG, which last week said it will draw from its exhausting cocoa reserves rather than buy inferior fresh supplies.

Coffee for January delivery gained as much as $43, or 2.2%, to $1,935 a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange on concern over lean supplies of deliverable robusta coffee. While shipments from Vietnam, the world's No. 2 producer of robusta beans, are rising, traders say many beans can't be delivered on Liffe because of their poor quality. Liffe will report today on its coffee stockpiles at the end of December.

(Bloomberg)

US bonds up as falling stocks boost demand

US bonds rose for the fifth time in six days as slumping stocks in the US and Asia boosted demand for Treasury debt.

"There's more worries about equities," and that's giving a lift to bonds, said John Burgess, of Bankers Trust Co.

Dim prospects for an economic recovery in Japan and concern about impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton are hurting stocks, he said.

The 30-year bond rose 25/32, or $7.81 per $1,000 bond, pushing the yield down 5 basis points to 4.97 percent. Yields on two-year notes, the most actively traded Treasury securities, fell 7 basis points to 4.38%.

Bonds gained after a survey showed Japan's business executives are the most pessimistic they've been in four-and-a-half years, signaling no end to recession and sending the benchmark Nikkei 225 index to a 2% decline. Stocks also fell in most other Asian markets.

In the US, stocks suffered from concern that the impeachment battle in Congress might hobble Clinton's leadership, traders said.

"The impeachment clearly will hurt stocks and help bonds," prompting investors to seek a haven in Treasuries, said David Jallits, of Strategic Fixed-Income in Arlington, Virginia. "Bonds are kind of immune to the whole story."

BONDS

US 30-year T-bill yield
4.97 ▼ 0.05

In Asia, the Bank of Japan's quarterly "tankan" survey, the key index of 382 major manufacturers, fell to minus 56 from minus 51 in October. Continuing weakness in Asia's largest economy is expected to drag on growth elsewhere, hurting prospects for corporate earnings, and dimming the appeal of stocks to investors, analysts said.

Treasury bonds also got a lift yesterday after a report by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta indicated manufacturing contracted in November.

The bank's national production index fell to minus 6.4 last month from a revised minus 2.0 in October. A negative index means more of the region's manufacturers see factories around the country cutting back production in their industry. The slowing, combined expectations for scant inflation in the months ahead, are a good for Treasuries, some investors said.

A government report today will probably show the consumer price index – the government's key measure of inflation – rose 0.1% last month, less than in October.

"The fundamentals are positive for Treasuries," said Ian Fishwick, of SLC Asset Management. "The economy is beginning to slow, and we're expecting continued low inflation."

Fishwick predicts the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates by as much as a half point next year as the economy loses steam. He favors notes maturing in between five and seven years.

The Fed's benchmark rate stands at 4.75%.

(Bloomberg)

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (14.12.98)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep. Rates**
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	
Currency basket	4.5502	4.6236	—	—	4.5767
U.S. dollar	4.1366	4.2034	4.06	4.27	4.1620
German mark	2.5042	2.5446	2.46	2.58	2.5179
Pound sterling	6.9661	7.785	6.84	7.18	7.0042
French franc	0.7464	0.7585	0.73	0.77	0.7507
Japanese yen (100)	3.5753	3.6330	3.51	3.69	3.5901
Dutch florin	2.2222	2.2581	2.18	2.29	2.2338
Swiss franc	3.1043	3.1544	3.05	3.20	3.1155
Swedish krona	0.5162	0.5246	0.50	0.54	0.5185
Norwegian krone	0.5372	0.5459	0.52	0.56	0.5395
Danish krone	0.6578	0.6685	0.64	0.68	0.6618
Finnish mark	0.8237	0.8370	0.80	0.85	0.8281
Canadian dollar	2.6894	2.7328	2.64	2.78	2.7052
Australian dollar	2.5563	2.5976	2.51	2.64	2.5742
S. African rand	0.6860	0.6971	0.62	0.70	0.6905
Belgian franc (10)	1.2142	1.2338	1.19	1.26	1.2207
Austrian schilling (10)	3.5598	3.6173	3.49	3.67	3.5788
Italian lira (1000)	2.5280	2.5688	2.48	2.61	2.5426
Jordanian dinar	5.8098	5.9036	5.71	6.13	5.8684
Egyptian pound	—	—	1.17	1.27	1.2850
ECU	4.9166	4.9960	—	—	4.9416
Irish punt	6.2188	6.3192	6.11	6.41	6.2528
Spanish peseta (100)	2.9437	2.9912	2.89	3.04	2.9574

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Michigan State crushes Illinois-Chicago 77-33

EAST LANSING (AP) – Michigan State's stingiest defensive performance in nearly 50 years provided a flashback to last season when the Spartans won a share of the Big Ten championship.

"One of the things we wanted to improve on was our defense," coach Tom Izzo said after 14th-ranked Michigan State crushed Illinois-Chicago 77-33 Sunday. "It's the thing we were known for last year, and in the last two games we've made the most progress on the defensive end."

The 33 points allowed by the Spartans were the fewest since a 43-32 victory over Michigan on February 17, 1951. It was also the second-largest victory margin since Michigan State moved to the Breslin Center in 1989.

The Spartans were the only ranked team to play Sunday.

Michigan State (6-3) had no trouble with the Flames (3-4), who upset the Spartans 70-58 in Chicago last season.

Michigan State used a 10-0 run to overcome an 8-6 lead by UIC and added to the margin throughout the game. The Spartans led 32-17 at halftime. They took a 47-point lead late in the second half.

Morris Peterson made his first start of the season in place of the injured Jason Klein and led Michigan State with 18 points. He also tied his career highs with nine rebounds and five assists.

The Flames committed 27 turnovers, leading to 37 points by the Spartans. Michigan State had 11 turnovers, which UIC converted to just three points.

The Spartans' defensive effort held the Flames to 22 percent shooting for the game (9-for-41) and left UIC coach Jimmy Collins searching for answers.

"They spanked us real good," Collins said. "Their defense was good, but our offense was horrible."

"We're going to have to make some changes. ... We want people who'll compete – who'll block out somebody or will drive to the basket. We had enough zeroes to start a doughnut factory."

Izzo doesn't have those kind of problems. His biggest concern now is getting point guard Mateen Cleaves back into the offense.

Cleaves had a strong defensive game Sunday, but had just six points and four assists.

"We have to get Mateen a little bit more into the offense," Izzo said. "We don't want to eliminate him because he's been great about letting the game come to him. I told him at halftime that we need him to steal a little more of the game again."

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 13, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

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6. Stanford	5-2	1,372	6
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8. Arizona	4-0	1,243	8
tie.Purdue	10-1	1,243	9
10. Indiana	10-2	1,056	11
11. New Mexico	6-0	999	12
12. UCLA	5-2	899	15
13. Kansas	6-2	880	10
14. Michigan St.	6-3	829	14
15. St. John's	8-2	794	16
16. Clemson	8-1	711	17
17. Minnesota	6-0	558	24
18. Oklahoma St.	5-2	466	19
19. Auburn	9-0	299	—
20. Arkansas	6-2	271	23
21. Syracuse	7-3	267	13
22. Pittsburgh	7-4	214	20
23. Wisconsin	9-1	192	—
24. Oklahoma	5-1	149	—
25. Iowa	7-1	146	—

Others receiving votes: Texas Christian 112, Tennessee 89, Florida 86, Temple 75, DePaul 74, Georgia Tech 70, California 61, Georgia 55, Coll. of Charleston 39, Penn St. 39, Villanova 35, Toledo 33, Washington 31, Missouri 22, Murray St. 21, Mississippi St. 18, Southern Cal 17, SW Missouri St. 16, Miami, Ohio 15, Tulsa 15, Utah 15, Xavier 14, Miami 10, N. Carolina St. 9, Memphis 8, Providence 6, George Washington 5, Rhode Island 5, Seton Hall 5, Gonzaga 4, Rutgers 3, Old Dominion 2, St. Joseph's 2, Wake Forest 2, Delaware 1, N.C. Charlotte 1, Navy 1, Texas1.

Oilers grab division lead

PHILADELPHIA – Boris Mironov scored the tying goal with seven seconds left in regulation to cap a wild final six minutes as the Edmonton Oilers earned a 2-2 tie with the Philadelphia Flyers on Sunday.

"Some ties feel like losses," said Oilers center Bill Guerin. "This tie feels like a win. It's one point, but it's one point we didn't think we were going to get."

Edmonton's Marty McSorley tied the game 1-1 with 5:26 left in the third period, but the Flyers took a 2-1 lead with 24 seconds left.

John LeClair dug the puck from the right boards and fed Eric Lindros behind the net. Lindros backhanded a pass to Eric Desjardins in the slot and he got off a quick wrist shot that beat Mikhail Shtalenkov to the glove side.

After the ensuing faceoff, the Oilers pulled Shtalenkov and converted the tying goal on a scramble in the Flyers zone.

Roman Hamrlik's slap shot from the left point was knocked down in front of the net. Mironov got to the loose puck in front of the left circle and put a backhander past the outstretched glove of John Vanbiesbrouck.

Philadelphia appeared to win with 1:57 left in overtime.

LeClair slid a centering pass to Keith Jones, skating up the slot. Shtalenkov stopped the initial shot by Jones, who slid into the goaltender, knocking the puck loose and into the net.

But the officials ruled Shtalenkov was pushed into his own net and the goal was disallowed.

Edmonton moved a point ahead of Colorado for the lead in the Northwest Division.

Blackhawks 2, Stars 2

Pat Verbeek scored a power-play goal in the third period and the visiting Dallas Stars stayed unbeaten through their last five games.

Chicago's Ethan Moreau scored from in front on a rebound of a miss by Doug Smolek at 10:14 of the final period to give the Blackhawks a 2-1 lead.

But three minutes later, the Stars used their effective power play – fourth best in the NHL – to get even. Verbeek took a nice centering pass from Joe Nieuwendyk and beat Mark Fitzpatrick to make it 2-2. The Stars nearly scored again moments later but Dave Reid's backhander clanked off the pipe.

Mighty Ducks 3, Kings 0

Teemu Selanne broke open a scoreless game with a pair of second-period goals and Paul Kariya ended a seven-game scoring drought as host Anaheim won.

Guy Hebert made 35 saves to earn his 20th career shutout and the first recorded by either team in this 29-game Southern California rivalry, which was born when the NHL expanded to Orange County in 1993.

The Ducks have never held the edge over the Kings in the overall series, which they evened up at 12-12-5. It is the third time the Ducks have tied the series, after losing the first four meetings in 1993-94.

(Reuters, AP)

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Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	17	7	3	37	81	67
Philadelphia	13	9	6	32	78	64
Pittsburgh	11	7	7	29	75	67
N.Y. Rangers	10	11	7	27	72	71
N.Y. Islanders	10	18	0	20	69	83
Northeast Division						
Buffalo	15	5	5	35	73	45
Toronto	16	11	2	34	86	83
Boston	12	8	6	30	67	51
Ottawa	13	10	3	29	77	64
Montreal	8	16	4	20	63	83
Southeast Division						
Carolina	13	11	5	31	77	67
Florida	9	11	6	24	66	74
Washington	8	16	3	19	57	74
Tampa Bay	8	18	2	18	61	102

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	16	10	1	33	87	66
St. Louis	9	9	6	24	63	58
Nashville	10	14	3	23	62	80
Chicago	9	16	4	22	68	97
Northwest Division						
Edmonton	13	13	3	29	83	77
Colorado	13	12	2	28	69	72
Calgary	11	15	2	24	77	80
Vancouver	10	14	4	24	78	83
Pacific Division						
Phoenix	17	3	3	37	68	37
Dallas	16	5	5	37	74	54
Anaheim	11	11	6	28	65	69
Los Angeles	8	18	3	19	60	80
San Jose	6	14	7	19	57	68

Edmonton	0	0	2	0–2
Philadelphia	0	1	1	0–2

First Period–None. Second Period–1, Philadelphia, Bureau 1 (Desjardins, Forbes), 11:29. Third Period–2, Edmonton, McSorley 1 (Lindgren, Kovalenko), 14:34. 3, Philadelphia, Desjardins 3 (Lindros, LeClair), 19.36. 4, Edmonton, Mironov 5 (Hamrlik, Murray), 19:53. Overtime–None. Penalties–None. Shots on goal–Edmonton 7-9-6-2–24. Philadelphia 4-8-5-4–19. Goalies–Edmonton, Shtalenkov Philadelphia, Vanbiesbrouck. A–19,513.

Dallas	1	0	1	0–2
Chicago	1	0	1	0–2

First Period–1, Chicago, Amonte 21 (Chelios, Gilmour), 16:25 (pp). 2, Dallas, Hatcher 6 (Marshall, Matvichuk), 18:42. Second Period–None. Third Period–3, Chicago, Moreau 5 (Zmolek, Zhamnov), 10:14. 4, Dallas, Verbeek 5 (Nieuwendyk, Modano), 12:39 (pp) Overtime–None. Shots on goal–Dallas 7-15-10-0–32. Chicago 15-6-5-4–30. Goalies–Dallas, Belfour. Chicago, Fitzpatrick. A–17,059.

Los Angeles	0	0	0–0
Anaheim	0	2	1–3

First Period–None. Second Period–1, Anaheim, Selanne 8 (Kariya, Olausson), 10:13 (pp). 2, Anaheim, Selanne 9 (Rucchin), 16:37. Third Period–3, Anaheim, Kariya 14, 12.23. Shots on goal–Los Angeles 14-13-8–35. Anaheim 10-13-11–34. Goalies–Los Angeles, Fiset. Anaheim, Hebert. A–17,174.

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"This puts us in the tournament," second-year Jets coach Bill Parcells said. "That's one of the reasons I'm in coaching. It's very satisfying."

The Jets, who have never won an AFC East title, improved to 5-1 within the division, which could help them in a tiebreaker. They play Saturday at Buffalo.

The only happy Dolphins were members of the undefeated 1972 team, who celebrated Denver's first defeat of the season Sunday against the New York Giants.

Vinny Testaverde outplayed Marino, setting up two touchdowns with long completions. The Jets won their fourth in a row, completed a sweep of the season series against Miami and handed the Dolphins their first defeat in seven home games this year.

Vikings 38, Ravens 28

Gary Anderson kicked six field goals, Randall Cunningham threw two touchdown passes and visiting Minnesota forced six turnovers to get its franchise-record 13th victory.

Minnesota (13-1) scored 26 points off the turnovers and remained a game ahead of Atlanta in the race for best record in the NFC and homefield advantage in the playoffs.

Anderson has kicked 34 straight field goals, breaking the NFL record of 31 set by the Vikings' Fuad Reviez in 1994 and 1995.

The teams also set an NFL record with three kickoff returns for touchdowns, including two by the Ravens (5-9), who used a 95-yard return by Corey Harris and a 97-yarder by Patrick Johnson to go up 14-6.

Packers 26, Bears 20

Dorsey Levens and Antonio Freeman had 100-yard days as the injury-riddled Packers (9-5) beat visiting Chicago (3-11) for the ninth straight time.

Levens, in his third game back from a broken leg that sidelined him for three months, carried 15 times for 105 yards. Freeman, in his first game back from a fractured jaw, caught eight passes for 103 yards and a touchdown.

Colts 39, Bengals 26

Peyton Manning passed for 210 yards and three touchdowns as the host Colts handed Cincinnati its ninth straight loss.

The victory snapped a three-game slide for Indianapolis (3-11), which blew double-digit leads in its previous two games. Marshall Faulk rushed for 115 yards and two TDs for the Colts.

Falcons 27, Saints 17

Terance Mathis caught TD passes of 63 and 62 yards from Chris Chandler as visiting Atlanta stayed ahead of San Francisco in the NFC West.

Jamal Anderson ran for 148 yards on 27 carries for the Falcons, who can claim the NFL West crown and a first-round bye if the 49ers lose to Detroit tonight. It was Anderson's 10th 100-yard rushing game this season.

Bills 44, Raiders 21

Host Buffalo scored on six straight possessions to remain in the AFC East title race.

Buffalo (9-5) has won four of its last five games and nine of 11. Doug Flutie completed 17 of 26 passes for 174 yards and two touchdowns for the Bills, who are trying to become only the fourth team in league history to reach the playoffs after an 0-3 start.

Bucs 16, Steelers 3

Mike Alstott scored on a 3-yard run and Tampa Bay forced five turnovers as the Buccaneers (7-7) won their third straight.

Michael Husted kicked three field goals for the Bucs, who climbed to .500 for only the second time this season. The visiting Steelers (7-7) have not scored a touchdown in nine quarters.

Oilers 16, Jaguars 13

Al Del Greco kicked the winning 41-yard field goal with four seconds remaining.

The win pulled the visiting Oilers (8-6) within two games of Jacksonville (10-4) in the AFC Central with two games remaining and the tiebreaker in Tennessee's favor. The Jaguars, forced to use third-string quarterback Jonathan Quinn in the second half because of injuries, still need one victory to clinch their first division title.

Seahawks 38, Chargers 17

The host Seahawks intercepted a franchise-record seven passes, including two apiece by Shawn Springs, Darryl Williams and Jay Bellamy.

Seattle (7-7) returned an interception and a fumble for touchdowns to set an NFL record for most TDs (12) off turnovers in a season. The Seahawks intercepted five passes by Chargers starter Craig Whelihan and two by rookie Ryan Leaf, who played for the first time in five games.

Chiefs 20, Cowboys 10

Bam Morris rushed for 137 yards and a touchdown as host Kansas City handed Dallas its third straight loss.

The loss prevented the Cowboys (8-6) from clinching their seventh NFC East crown in eight years. The victory by the Chiefs (6-8) moved coach Marty Schottenheimer into 11th place on the career victory list with 143.

Cardinals 20, Eagles 17 (OT)

Chris Jacke, who missed a 34-yard field goal at the end of regulation, kicked a 32-yarder four-and-a-half minutes into overtime to give Arizona (7-7) the victory at Philadelphia (3-11).

In games reported in yesterday's edition:

Redskins 28, Panthers 25

Rookie Skip Hicks ran for two touchdowns as visiting Washington extended its late-season surge.

Trent Green threw for 257 yards and two scores as the Redskins (5-9) won for the fifth time in seven games and got its first three-game winning streak since 1996.

Rams 32, Patriots 18

Rookie Az Hakim and former practice squad player June Henley each scored two touchdowns for the host Rams (4-10), who overcame three first-half turnovers and a season-ending injury to quarterback Tony Banks.

Giants 20, Broncos 16

The visiting Broncos' dreams of becoming the first NFL team since those Dolphins to go undefeated ended when Kent Graham threw a 37-yard touchdown pass to Amani Toomer with 48 seconds left, giving the New York Giants a shocking victory.

GOING DOWN – Philadelphia Eagles runningback Duce Staley is tackled by Arizona's Jamir Miller. The Cardinals won 20-17. (AP)

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-N.Y. Jets	10	4	0	.714	368	246
Buffalo	9	5	0	.643	345	283
Miami	9	5	0	.643	274	206
New England	8	6	0	.571	303	277
Indianapolis	3	11	0	.214	268	390
Central						
Jacksonville	10	4	0	.714	361	285
Tennessee	8	6	0	.571	292	264
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	.500	236	257
Baltimore	5	9	0	.357	247	301
Cincinnati	2	12	0	.143	243	393
West						
y-Denver	13	1	0	.929	452	257
Oakland	7	7	0	.500	247	315
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	324	259
Kansas City	6	8	0	.429	289	311
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	218	309

y-clinched division title

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	345	259
Arizona	7	7	0	.500	290	348
N.Y. Giants	6	8	0	.429	239	292
Washington	5	9	0	.357	292	382
Philadelphia	3	11	0	.214	142	311
Central						
y-Minnesota	13	1	0	.929	480	270
Green Bay	9	5	0	.643	362	284
Tampa Bay	7	7	0	.500	263	275
Detroit	5	8	0	.385	266	300
Chicago	3	11	0	.214	239	349
West						
x-Atlanta	12	2	0	.857	380	256
x-San Francisco	10	3	0	.769	385	272
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	255	295
St. Louis	4	10	0	.286	253	320
Carolina	2	12	0	.143	289	381

x-clinched playoff berth

Denver 3 3 3 7–16
N.Y. Giants 3 7 0 10–20

First Quarter: Den–FG Elam 24, 7:01. NY–FG Daluiso 36, 2:32. Second Quarter: Den–FG Elam 38, 10:31. NY–Barber 21 pass from Graham (Daluiso kick), :45. Third Quarter: Den–FG Elam 30, 1:48. Fourth Quarter: NY–FG Daluiso 19, 7:36. Den–Davis 27 run (Elam kick), 4:08. NY–Toomer 37 pass from Graham (Daluiso kick), :48. A–72,336.

Arizona 10 0 0 7 3–20
Philadelphia 0 10 0 7 0–17

First Quarter: Ari–FG Jacke 28, 9:52. Ari–Bennett 70 interception return (Jacke kick), :00. Second Quarter: Phi–Staley 30 run (Boniol kick), 11:11. Phi–FG Boniol 19, :01. Fourth Quarter: Phi–Fryar 26 pass from Detmer (Boniol kick), 12:58. Ari–Moore 9 pass from Plummer (Jacke kick), 8:14. Overtime: Ari–FG Jacke 32, 10:30. A–62,176.

Atlanta 14 3 0 10–27
New Orleans 0 7 7 3–17

First Quarter: Atl–Christian 1 run (Andersen kick), 6:57. Atl–Mathis 62 pass from Chandler (Andersen kick), 6:25. Second Quarter: NO–Weary 63 interception return (Brien kick), 1:25. Atl–FG Andersen 49, :03. Third Quarter: NO–Fields 36 fumble return (Brien kick), 10:12. Fourth Quarter: Atl–FG Andersen 33, 14:30. NO–FG Brien 36, 6:34. Atl–Mathis 63 pass from Chandler (Andersen kick), 6:50. A–61,678.

New England 3 12 3 0–18
St. Louis 10 7 15 0–32

First Quarter: StL–FG Wilkins 48, 11:53. StL–Hakim 9 pass from Banks (Wilkins kick), 10:12. NE–FG Vinatieri 37, 7:29. Second Quarter: NE–FG Vinatieri 41, 7:01. StL–Henley 1 run (Wilkins kick), 4:02. NE–Purnell 16 pass from Bledsoe (pass failed), 1:49. NE–FG Vinatieri 55, :25. Third Quarter: NE–FG Vinatieri 17, 7:49. StL–Hakim 34 run (Bono run), 4:00. StL–Henley 1 run (Wilkins kick), :41. A–48,946.

Oakland 0 7 7 7–21
Buffalo 3 17 17 7–44

First Quarter: Buf–FG Christie 32, 4:58. Drive: 12 plays, 66 yards, 6:53. Second Quarter: Buf–Riemersma 14 pass from Flutie (Christie kick), 10:38. Buf–L.Johnson 2 pass from Flutie (Christie kick), 8:15. Oak–Dudley 18 pass from Wilson (Davis kick), 1:54. Buf–FG Christie 49, :16. Third Quarter: Buf–A.Smith 5 run (Christie kick), 10:31. Buf–FG Christie 32, 8:09. Buf–Hansen 13 fumble return (Christie kick), 7:13. Oak–Howard 75 punt return (Davis kick), 3:55. Fourth Quarter: Buf–Northern 40 interception return (Christie kick), 8:21. Oak–Brown 30 pass from Wilson (Davis kick), 3:57. A–62,002.

San Diego 7 7 0 3–17
Seattle 14 7 7 10–38

First Quarter: Sea–Kitna 2 run (Peterson kick), 12:31. SD–J.Williams 14 interception return (Carney kick), 6:07. Sea–McDaniel 43 interception return (Peterson kick), 2:22. Second Quarter: Sea–Watters 1 run (Peterson kick), 3:42. SD–Fletcher 1 run (Carney kick), :19. Third Quarter: Sea–Galloway 9 pass from Kitna (Peterson kick), 6:01. Fourth Quarter: SD–FG Carney 21, 14:53. Sea–Kennedy 39 fumble return (Peterson kick), 13:15. Sea–FG Peterson 29, 8:16. A–62,690.

Minnesota 12 13 10 3–38
Baltimore 14 0 0 14–28

First Quarter: Min–FG Anderson 43, 10:06. Bal–Harris 95 kickoff return (Stover kick), 9:49. Min–FG Anderson 31, 3:55. Bal–Johnson 97 kickoff return (Stover kick), 3:39. Min–Palmer 88 kickoff return (pass failed), 3:22. Second Quarter: Min–FG Anderson 45, 12:55. Min–Moss 17 pass from Cunningham (Anderson kick), 11:36. Min–FG Anderson 24, 5:17. Third Quarter: Min–FG Anderson 46, 13:50. Min–Carter 11 pass from Cunningham (Anderson kick), 11:09. Fourth Quarter: Bal–Turner 42 pass from Harbaugh (kick failed), 12:05. Min–FG Anderson 20, 2:51. Bal–Holmes 2 run (Turner pass from Harbaugh), 2:06. A–69,074.

Dallas 0 3 0 14–17
Kansas City 3 0 14 3–20

First Quarter: KC–FG Stoyanovich 24, 5:21. Second Quarter: Dal–FG Cunningham 32, 4:21. Third Quarter: KC–Morris 1 run (Stoyanovich kick), 4:01. KC–Gannon 9 run (Stoyanovich kick), :37. Fourth Quarter: Dal–Jeffers 28 pass from Aikman (Cunningham kick), 10:25. KC–FG Stoyanovich 43, 5:58. Dal–Smith 8 pass from Aikman (Cunningham kick), 2:48. A–77,697.

N.Y. Jets 7 0 7 7–21
Miami 3 0 0 13–16

First Quarter: Mia–FG Mare 24, 3:02. NY–Chrebet 12 pass from Testaverde (Hall kick), 1:25. Third Quarter: NY–Martin 9 run (Hall kick), 9:29. Fourth Quarter: Mia–McDuffie 3 pass from Marino (Mare kick), 6:25. NY–Cascadden 23 fumble return (Hall kick), 1:51. Mia–Pritchett 1 run (pass failed), :03. A–74,369.

Pittsburgh 3 0 0 0–3
Tampa Bay 3 3 7 3–16

First Quarter: Pit–FG N.Johnson 27, 9:00. TB–FG Husted 39, :00. Second Quarter: TB–FG Husted 37, 12:03. Third Quarter: TB–Alstott 3 run (Husted kick), 4:28. Fourth Quarter: TB–FG Husted 21, 1:57. A–65,335.

Chicago 7 0 6 7–20
Green Bay 3 6 7 10–26

First Quarter: Chi–Stenstrom 1 run (Jaeger kick), 11:54. GB–FG Longwell 35, 5:46. Second Quarter: GB–FG Longwell 43, 1:29. GB–FG Longwell 40, :00. Third Quarter: Chi–W.Harris 13 interception return (pass failed), 10:49. GB–Chmura 6 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 5:31. Fourth Quarter: GB–Freeman 13 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 14:55. GB–FG Longwell 24, 8:57. Chi–Milburn 94 kickoff return (Jaeger kick), 3:40. A–59,813.

Tennessee 0 10 0 6–16
Jacksonville 10 0 0 3–13

First Quarter: Jac–FG Hollis 21, 8:16. Jac–Taylor 1 run (Hollis kick), 7:09. Second Quarter: Ten–Harris 4 pass from McNair (Del Greco kick), 11:54. Ten–FG Del Greco 28, 1:57. Fourth Quarter: Ten–FG Del Greco 30, 14:47. Jac–FG Hollis 29, 6:44. Ten–FG Del Greco 41, :04. A–65,657.

Cincinnati 3 3 6 14–26
Indianapolis 10 14 7 8–39

First Quarter: Ind–Faulk 16 run (Vanderjagt kick), 11:11. Ind–FG Vanderjagt 50, 9:16. Cin–FG Pelfrey 41, 1:10. Second Quarter: Ind–Faulk 1 run (Vanderjagt kick), 11:41. Cin–FG Pelfrey 26, 2:41. Ind–Green 11 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick), 1:48. Third Quarter: Cin–Pickens 6 pass from Blake (pass failed), 11:01. Ind–Small 16 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick), 6:32. Fourth Quarter: Ind–Small 16 pass from Manning (Pollard pass from Manning), 10:45. Cin–Bennett 5 run (Pelfrey kick), 6:19. Cin–S.Williams 19 pass from Kresser (Pelfrey kick), 1:17. A–55,179.

Washington 14 7 7 0–28
Carolina 3 14 0 8–25

First Quarter: Was–Connell 16 pass from Green (Blanchard kick), 13:37. Was–Hicks 4 run (Blanchard kick), 6:41. Car–FG Kasay 26, 2:09. Second Quarter: Was–Hicks 5 run (Blanchard kick), 11:01. Car–Biakabutuka 29 pass from Beuerlein (Kasay kick), 2:43. Car–Stone recovered blocked punt in end zone (Kasay kick), 1:42. Third Quarter: Was–Alexander 17 pass from Green (Blanchard kick), 6:38. Fourth Quarter: Car–Biakabutuka 2 run (Muhammad pass from Beuerlein), 12:38. A–46,940.

NBA

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Some fans yelled, "Defense," but, of course, there wasn't any.

"Guys aren't going to go hard out there because they don't really want to get hurt," Jones said. "We got too much at risk."

The Mid Valley team, including Mills of the New York Knicks, Tracy Murray of the Washington Wizards, Charles O'Bannon of the Detroit Pistons and NBA rookie Paul Pierce, defeated the NBA All-Stars 128-119.

Although he was advertised as a participant, Shaquille O'Neal didn't show. Signs at the ticket windows advised fans he wouldn't be here.

Several players were just happy to be in front of a crowd.

Their daily pickup games around Los Angeles don't attract more than a curious few.

"It feels good to get out there and entertain some people," Murray said. "That's the only thing that drives me. We're taking this game for granted. It's a fun game and I miss playing it."

The rosters were heavy with players who have local ties, either through their pro teams or colleges. Among others playing were Brent Barry, Darrick Martin, Jalen Rose, Lamond Murray, Bryon Russell, Pooh Richardson, Stacey Augmon, Derek Fisher and Jack Haley.

Tracy Murray expressed impatience with negotiations to end the lockout. Talks broke off Saturday after only 30 minutes.

"The owners and David Stern need to start acting like businessmen and get in there and negotiate," he said. "Just because things don't go right in the first half-hour doesn't necessarily mean that we can't get anywhere. Lock the door, get something done."

Proceeds will be shared with three local charities to provide holiday toys for disadvantaged children, a foundation spokeswoman said. She didn't know how much money was raised.

Mets sign Henderson for $2.3m.

NASHVILLE (AP) – The New York Mets got ready to run with Rickey Henderson and the Toronto Blue Jays traded a starting pitcher – no, it wasn't Roger Clemens.

The Mets, one of the busiest teams this offseason, made another move to improve their lineup by signing Henderson to a one-year deal worth $2.3 million.

Henderson, 40 on December 25, led the majors with 66 steals last season for Oakland and is baseball's career leader in stolen bases. The Mets, meanwhile, were last in the majors with 62 steals.

"I'd say the Mets have the best team in New York now," he said. "The Yankees have carried the crown for a while, now it's the Mets' turn to take over."

In the first trade of this five-day session, the Blue Jays sent pitcher Woody Williams to San Diego for pitcher Joey Hamilton in a four-player deal. The Padres also get pitcher Carlos Almanzar and outfield prospect Peter Tucci.

The Blue Jays got an outstanding report on Hamilton from Dave Stewart – the Padres' pitching coach last season and recently hired by Toronto as an assistant general manager.

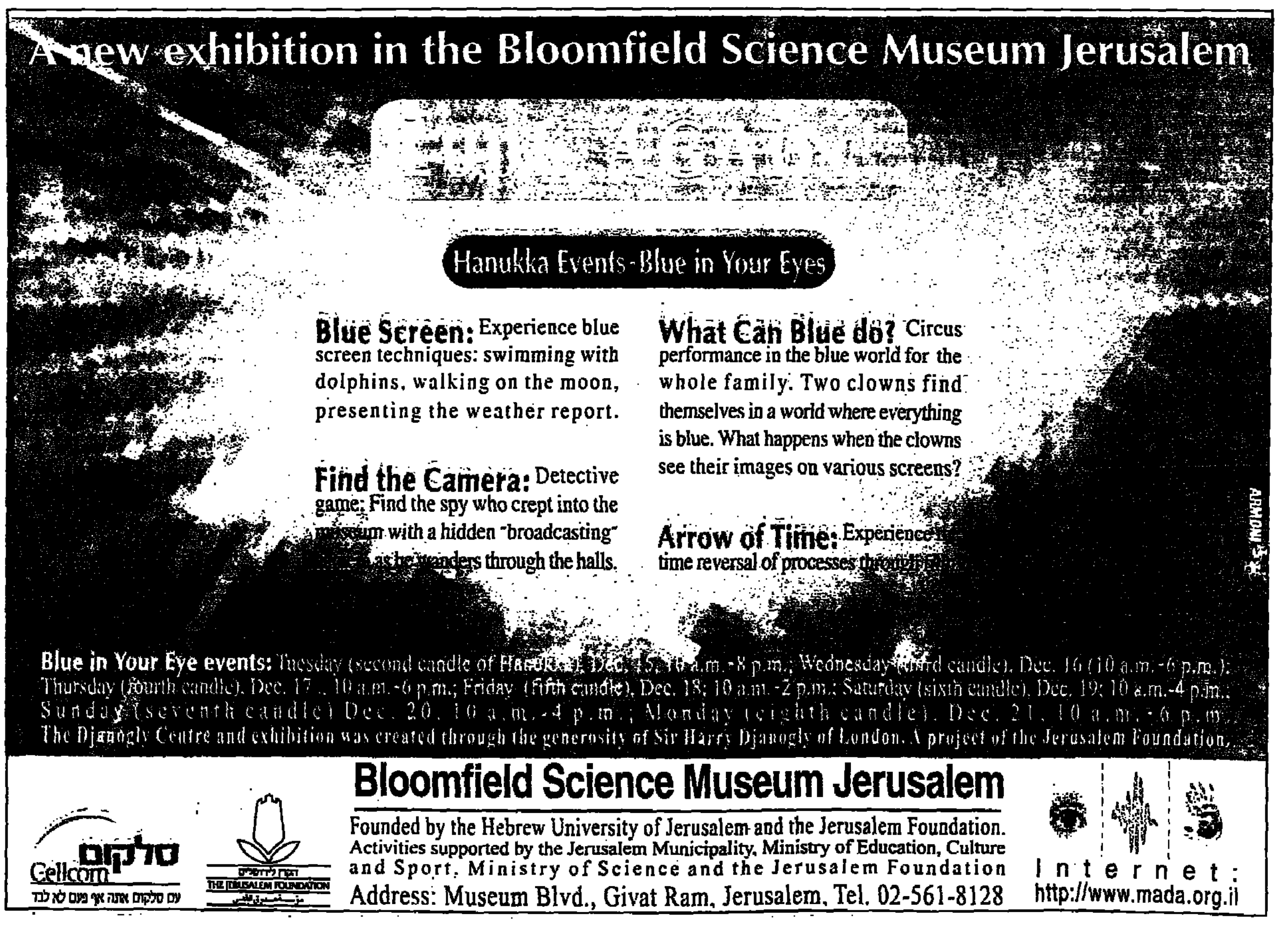
The Astros dropped out of the pursuit for the five-time Cy Young Award winner, though they did not go quietly. Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker had harsh words for Randy and Alan Hendricks, Clemens' agents and brokers for a potential deal.

"Quite frankly, we are stunned and outraged at the demands of the agents," Hunsicker said. "The talent we would have to potentially give up would leave us with a team that Roger Clemens would not want to play for." Clemens wants to play for either a contender or a team near his Houston home.

Leeds move up to third

LONDON (Reuters) – Leeds United beat Coventry City 2-0 at Elland Road in a full-blooded match yesterday to move into third place in the Premier League.

David Hopkin scored his first goal of the season for Leeds in the 40th minute after Australia's Harry Kewell and Irish international Ian Harte had carved open the Coventry defense. Lee Bowyer made it four goals in his last three matches when he slotted past Swede Magnus Hedman to sew it up.



A new exhibition in the Bloomfield Science Museum Jerusalem

Hanukka Events - Blue in Your Eyes

Blue Screen: Experience blue screen techniques: swimming with dolphins, walking on the moon, presenting the weather report.

What Can Blue do? Circus performance in the blue world for the whole family. Two clowns find themselves in a world where everything is blue. What happens when the clowns see their images on various screens?

Find the Camera: Detective game: Find the spy who crept into the museum with a hidden "broadcasting" camera as he wanders through the halls.

Arrow of Time: Experience the time reversal of processes through film.

Blue in Your Eye events: Tuesday (second candle of Hanukka), Dec. 15, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday (third candle), Dec. 16 (10 a.m.-6 p.m.); Thursday (fourth candle), Dec. 17, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday (fifth candle), Dec. 18; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturday (sixth candle), Dec. 19; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday (seventh candle) Dec. 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Monday (eighth candle), Dec. 21, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

HANUKKA

HELEN KAYE

Tonight is opening night for *Hasamba*, the musical based on Igal Mossensohn's popular children's stories from the Forties. Aki Avni and the rest of the intrepid Hasambans take on the British. At the Mann Auditorium at 4 and 6:30 p.m; tomorrow at 10 a.m. 1, 4, and 6:30 p.m. (Hebrew)

The Israel Ballet presents its delightful *Cinderella* at the Kfar Sava Auditorium today at 5:30 p.m and tomorrow at the Ness Ziona Auditorium at 5 and 7:30 p.m.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Avner Biron leads his Israel Camerata Jerusalem in four different versions of the *Magnificat* by Sammartini, Buxtehude, Vivaldi and Pergolesi, with the Currende Choir from Belgium and soloists Linda Perillo, Stephen Wallace, Richard Coxon and Simon Birchall. Tonight at the Sherover Theater in Jerusalem, tomorrow at the Wix Auditorium in Rehovot. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Tel Aviv Museum and Sunday at the Technion in Haifa – all at 8:30 p.m., except Friday at 2 p.m.

American maestro Richard Duffalo leads the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba in Haydn's 102nd Symphony and the overture to Rossini's *La Scala di Sieta* while Japanese pianist Noriko Ogawa plays Chopin's Second Piano Concerto, tonight at the Tel Aviv Museum, tomorrow in Ashkelon and Thursday in Beersheba, all at 8:30 p.m.

Just for Hanukka the Israel Chamber Orchestra presents Handel's *Judus Maccabaeus* with soloists and the Prague Chamber Choir conducted by music director Salvador Mas Conde, tonight in Karmiel at 8:30 p.m.

Simon Birchall sings with the Israel Camerata Jerusalem. (Gerald Place)

Azerbaijan's children folk orchestra, Lokbatan, performing traditional classical and folk music and Western classical music, appears today at 3 and 6 p.m. at the Inbal Auditorium at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Ibsen's rarely produced *Lady From the Sea* is directed by Yossi Yzraely and stars Gili Ben-Osilio as Ellida, a woman whose yearning for the sea takes her down perilous emotional paths. At the Jerusalem Khan tonight through Saturday at 8:30 p.m. There is no show on Friday. (Hebrew)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

ARABIC PROGRAMS
6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Computer Sciences
8:30 Art Workshop
9:00 Matter of Taste
9:30 Family Bond
10:00 For the very young
11:00 Reading
11:25 Social Studies
12:55 Literature
13:30 Hanni's Room

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 Heartbreak High
16:15 Eli and Lily
16:30 Garden Party
16:59 A New Evening
17:35 Juke Box
18:05 Dudu's Adventures
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Apropo
19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Garlic, Pepper and Olive Oil (rpt)
19:53 Lighting of the third Hanukka candle
20:00 News
20:10 With Meni
21:00 News
21:30 Weekly Lotto Draw
21:35 Docu-Media
22:10 The True Story: Searching for Amy – documentary about a Florida mother's relentless search for her 17-year-old daughter who hitched a lift to her father's art gallery half a mile away from her home, and hasn't been seen since
23:00 At the Right Pace
23:40 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 Song for the Day
6:00 Animation
6:30 Oscar and Friends
6:43 Reshet in the Morning
9:00 Jude Morning
10:00 Sinbad
11:00 A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court
12:45 Songs from Night Bird
13:00 Zombit
13:30 Ghost Writer
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 News for Your Eyes
15:00 Dream On You
15:30 Popeye and Son
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Street Corner
17:00 Five with Gadi Sukenik
17:30 Third in Entertainment
18:00 Popeye
18:05 Viper
19:00 Shirutrom '98 – annual fundraising show for the IDF
20:00 News
20:30 Candid Camera
21:25 Focus
22:00 Hot Mishal
23:15 Night Bird
00:00 News
00:30 Sharman
1:50 Mission Impossible
2:40 Song for the Day

■ JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 The Glady Family
15:30 Banana Pyjama
16:00 Life Decisions
16:30 Discussion program
17:00 Mothers in Nature
18:00 Helena's Eyes
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 French Show
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Step Father, Step Mother
20:00 What Would You Do?
20:30 Drover's Gold
21:15 You and Your Car
21:30 Video Break
22:00 News in English
22:30 Movie

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27) (unconfirmed)

7:00 Keeping Fit
7:30 700 Club
8:00 TV Shopping
15:00 Blake and Mortimer
15:30 Donkey Kong District
16:00 Buddy Buddy
16:30 The White Fang
17:00 700 Club
17:30 Arabic World News
18:00 American Football
21:00 Italian League Soccer
23:00 Late Show with David Letterman
23:40 CNN World of Entertainment
00:00 TV Shopping
2:00 700 Club

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Animation
16:30 Dictator
17:30 Telekessef
18:00 The Tempest
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 Entertainment Now
20:00 Traveling Gourmet
20:30 Showcase
21:00 News
21:30 The Grand
22:30 Bette Midler: Diva In Las Vegas – the powerful and charismatic singer exhibits her vast array of singing talents in a sparkling cabaret show, with plenty of humor in between some of her best-known hits

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Life Skills
16:00 Rabbi Kook
16:30 World Surface
16:30 Natural Phenomena
17:00 Data Bank
17:30 Sciences
17:50 Nature
18:00 Family Album
18:30 Blitz on Cartoons
19:00 Computer Sciences
19:30 Mirror
20:00 New Evening
20:30 Designs
20:55 Little Big Country
21:00 Muses: Samuel Beckett – intriguing BBC documentary about the life of the great Irish-born playwright
22:00 In the Heat of the Night
22:45 Eric and Ericson

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt)
11:15 Angels Don't Cry
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 Dallas
13:30 Newsradio
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
16:45 One Life To Live
17:30 Frasier
18:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Melrose Place
20:25 Friends
20:50 Beverly Hills 90210
21:35 Dreams of Youth
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:00 Ricki Lake
23:45 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
00:15 The Larry Sanders Show
00:45 Silk Stalkings
1:35 North of 60

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Jack Reed: Death and Vengeance (1996) – another TV drama starring Brian Dennehy as a policeman who is trying to track down a murderer terrorizing the Russian population of Chicago. With Susan Ruttan
13:10 Double Dynamite (1951) – comedy about a bank clerk falsely accused of bank robbery. With Frank Sinatra, Jean Russell and Groucho Marx
14:35 Futureworld (1976) – two journalists covering a new adult resort run by androids discover that the manager plans to take over the world. With Peter Fonda and Yul Brynner
16:30 Santa with Muscles (1996) – action comedy. A muscular stranger claiming to be Santa Claus rids a small town of crime and strife. With Hulk Hogan
18:20 The Last Starfighter (1984) – a youngster with special video-game skills is recruited to help save the planet from an alien attack
20:00 Dizengoff 99 (Hebrew, 1979) – comic drama about three friends who share an apartment in downtown Tel Aviv and try to make their way in the movie industry. With Gidi Gov, Meir Suissa, Anat Atzmon and Gali Atari
22:00 Mallrats (1995) – Kevin Smith's comic portrait of a group of friends, enemies and ex-boy- and girlfriends who spend their time hanging out at a suburban mall. With Shannen Doherty, Jason Lee, Ben Affleck and Jeremy London
23:35 Clerks (1994) – low-budget cult comedy film by Kevin Smith about a day in the life of two bored friends who work in neighboring grocery and video-rental stores
1:10 Deadly Prey (1995) – a Vietnam vet is kidnapped by mercenaries to serve as a live target, but turns out to be more capable than they expected. With Ted Prior, Troy Donahue and Fritz Matthews
2:45 Prototype (1992, 94 mins.) – Futuristic action set in a post-nuclear-holocaust Los Angeles

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
8:05 Simba, Jungle King
8:35 Little Mouse on the Prairie
9:05 Urmel
9:35 The Smurfs
10:00 Hanukka on the Children's Channel
10:30 Ninja Turtles
10:55 Superman
11:15 Hanukka on the Children's Channel
11:40 Mowgli
12:00 Hanukka on the Children's Channel
12:40 New Adventures of Robin Hood
13:35 Simba, Jungle King
14:00 Oakey Doky
14:15 Snorks
14:30 Mozart and the Gang
15:05 The Smurfs
15:40 Ninja Turtles
16:05 Superman
16:45 Hanukka on the Children's Channel
17:35 Bandana Brenda – with Dana Dvorin
18:10 Tales of the South Seas
19:00 Moesha
19:30 Family Matters
19:55 Married with Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air – Phil and Carlton throw a party by the pool against Phil's wishes
20:40 Full House
21:10 Party of Five

PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30	Garlic Hannuka Lighting		Melrose Place		Family Matters Married with Children	Beyond 2000
20:00	News With Meni	News		Dizengoff 99		Eton, Class of '91
20:30		Candid Camera	Friends		Fresh Prince of Bel Air Full House	
21:00	News		Beverly Hills 90210		Party of Five	Eight on Eight
21:30	Weekly Lotto Draw Docu-Media	Focus	Dreams of Youth			On the Brink
22:00	The True Story	Hot Mishal	Yair Lapid Live at 10	Mallrats	A Woman Rebels	
22:30	At the Right Pace		Seinfeld			Lost Lakes of the Pacific
23:00			Ricki Lake			Israel Test

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 A Woman Rebels (1936) – biopic of Pamela Thistlewhite, who dedicated her life to crusading for women's rights and fighting Victorian morality. With Katharine Hepburn and Donald Crisp
23:30 Luna Park (Russian, 1991, 105 mins.) – drama about Russian skinheads by Pavel Lounguine. Portrait of a young hoodlum who discovers that his father was a Jewish composer, and how this affects him and his buddies. With Oleg Borisov

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University (rpts from Monday at 23:30)
8:00 Two Worlds (rpt)
8:30 Metropolis, part 1 (rpt)
9:00 Valley Deep, Mountain High – wildlife between the American Rockies and Death Valley
9:50 In Wildest Africa – the Serengeti
10:50 Killer Bees
11:45 Koalas, the Bare Facts (rpt)
12:35 Last of the Rhinos
13:05 Beyond 2000
13:25 The Quantum Universe (rpt)
14:25 World Discoveries
14:50 Great Crimes and Trials (rpt)
15:20 Understanding Cars
16:10 Cousteau: Indonesia II
17:00 Open University: Zek, the International Gulag
17:30 Open University: Understanding Human Communications
18:00 Open University: Street Animals
18:30 Open University: TV and the Presidency
19:00 Lost Lakes of the Pacific – remote untouched salt lakes on the islands of Palau
19:35 Beyond 2000
20:05 Eton, Class of '91 – documentary look at life at the prestigious British public school
21:00 Eight on Eight with Yael Dan: children's literature
21:30 On the Brink: Doomsday – two-part examination of manmade disasters
22:25 Lost Lakes of the Pacific (see 19:00)
23:00 Israel Test
23:30 Open University: Growing Awareness
00:00 Open University: Managing Quality Dynamics
00:40 Open University: Personal Finance
1:05 Open University: Rodin

■ STAR WORLD (18/15)

6:00 Chicago Hope
7:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 Santa Barbara
9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
9:30 Simply Delicious: France and Italy
10:00 Snowy River, The McGregor Saga
11:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
11:30 Small Wonder
12:00 The Brittas Empire
12:30 World News
13:00 Asia News & World Business Report
13:30 Home Improvement
14:00 L.A. Heat
15:00 The Pretender
16:00 NYPD Blue
17:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
17:30 Home Improvement
18:00 LA Heat
19:00 The Pretender
20:00 NYPD Blue
21:00 Home Improvement
21:30 Newhart
22:00 The Brittas Empire
22:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
23:00 The Wonder Years
23:30 Mr. Belvedere
00:00 Aerobics Oz Style
00:30 World News
1:00 Home Improvement
1:30 Candid Camera
2:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
2:30 The Brittas Empire

■ BBC WORLD

News on the hour
6:30 USA Direct (rpt)
7:30 QED (rpt)
8:30 Future Fantastic: The Immortals (rpt)
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 QED (rpt)
11:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
12:30 Earth Report (rpt)
13:00 The World Today
14:30 Wild World
15:30 The World Today
16:30 Holiday (rpt)
17:30 Hard Talk with Tim Sebastian
18:30 Wheels – Indian motoring magazine
19:30 Future Fantastic (rpt)
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Reporters (rpt)
23:10 World Business Report
23:30 The Net
00:10 Europe Direct
1:00 World News and Business Report
1:45 Asia Today (rpt)
2:30 Future Fantastic (rpt)

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day
6:15 American Edition
6:30 World Report
7:00 CNN This Morning
7:30 Insight
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Moneyline
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sport
10:00 CNN This Morning
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:00 Larry King (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report: As They See It
14:30 Digital Jam
15:15 News & Business Asia
16:30 Showbiz Today
17:30 World Sport
18:30 World Beat
19:00 Larry King Live (rpt)
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business Today
22:30 Q&A with Riz Khan
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Moneyline Newshour
2:30 Showbiz Today

■ SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6:30 CBS Evening News
7:30 Special Report
8:00 Sunrise
13:30 Sky World News
16:30 Your Call
18:30 Sky World News
19:00 Live at Five
21:30 Sportsline
22:30 Sky Business Report
23:30 Sky World News
00:00 Prime Time
2:30 CBS Evening News

■ CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 Western Union World of Soccer
17:00 FILA Basketball
18:00 Spanish League Soccer
19:30 Sports News
20:00 College Basketball
21:15 German League Soccer
23:00 Motorsports
23:30 Hockey World Championship Finals

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Swimming (rpt)
11:30 Biathlon
13:00 Soccer – Eurogoals
14:30 Marathon – from Fukuka, Japan
15:30 Ski Jumping
17:00 Biathlon
18:30 Soccer – Eurogoals
20:00 Supercross
21:00 Strongest Man
22:00 Live Boxing
00:00 Soccer
1:00 Rally
2:00 Car on Ice

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Benda: Sonata in G for Flute and Harp; Bach: Violin Concerto in A minor; Mozart: Andante in F for Organ K616; Mozart: Flute Concerto no 2 K314
7:07 Variations on La Folia; Falla: El sombrero de tres picos; Granados: Spanish Dance no 5
8:05 Liszt: La lugubre gondola; Verdi: Aria from Il Trovatore; Ravel: Pavane pour une infante défunte; Chopin: Grande Fantaisie on Polish Airs for Piano and Orchestra op 13; Glinka: Andante Cantabile and Rondo in D minor
9:05 Palestrina: Mass; Bach: Preludes and Fugues nos 13-24 from The Well-Tempered Clavier book 1; Monteverdi: Mass for 4 Voices; Bach: Trio Sonata from A Musical Offering; Martin: Salve Regina; Mozart: Sonata in D for Piano and Violin K306
12:00 Light Classical – Hanukka-related music
13:00 Artist of the Week – Zakir Hussein, Shankar: 3 Pieces
14:06 Music from Far and Near
15:00 From the Recording Studio – Michael Boguslavsky, piano, and other artists. Bach/Busoni: Chaconne from Partita no 2 in D minor; Braun: Musical Evensongs for Horn and Piano; Beethoven: Sonata no 4 in C op 102/1 for Cello and Piano ; Schubert: Sonata no 5 in A minor op 164
16:00 Ear on the Pulse, '98
18:05 New CDs – Telemann: Overture in C "Water Music"; Clérambeault: Léandre et Héro; J.C. Bach: Sinfonia Concertante in F; Brahms: Piano Quartet no 3 in C minor op 60; Zemlinsky: Psalm 83
20:30 Live from Sherover Auditorium, Jerusalem – Israel Camerata Jerusalem / Avner Biron / Currende Choir. Magnificats by Sammartini, Buxtehude, Vivaldi and Pergolesi
23:00 Sounds from Around the World

■ RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWEST local news
6:00 Morning Drive with David Starck (until 9:00)
7:45 Sports Update
8:08 Lions Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch with Sharon Wagner (until 12:00)
12:00 Premium Time with Centurion Insurance
13:00 Memory Lane with Rebecca E.
14:00 M & M's Pick 'n' Mix
16:00 Special Hanukka Afternoon Drive with special guest live in the studio Yehuda Katz (until 19:00)
17:45 Sports Update
19:00 Moondance with Donna Abraham – Mellow Rock
21:00 One on One with Barbara Diamond
22:00 West Rock with Michal Cohen
1:00 Late Night Music

■ BBC WORLD SERVICE

6:00 The World Today
7:00 The World Today
8:00 The World Today
9:00 World News
9:15 Off the Shelf: Playback
9:30 Planet 2000
10:00 World News
10:10 Pause for Thought
10:15 The Music Party
11:00 World News
11:05 World Business Report
11:15 To Be Continued
11:30 Plays in Focus: St. Joan
11:45 Sports Roundup
12:00 Newsdesk
12:30 On Screen
13:00 Newsdesk
13:30 The Idea of the City
14:00 World News
14:05 World Business Report
14:15 Britain Today
14:30 Health Matters
14:45 Sports Roundup
15:00 Newshour
16:00 World News
16:05 Outlook
16:30 Multitrack: Hit List
17:00 News
17:05 Sports Roundup
17:15 Westway
17:30 The Greenfield Collection
18:00 World News
18:15 Global Wildlife
18:30 Insight
18:45 Britain Today
19:00 Europe Today
19:30 World Business Report
19:45 Sports Roundup
20:00 Newsdesk
20:30 One Planet
21:00 News Summary
21:01 Outlook
21:25 Pause For Thought
21:30 Megamix
22:00 Newshour
23:00 World News
23:05 World Business Report
23:15 Britain Today
23:30 Meridian (Live)
00:00 Newsdesk

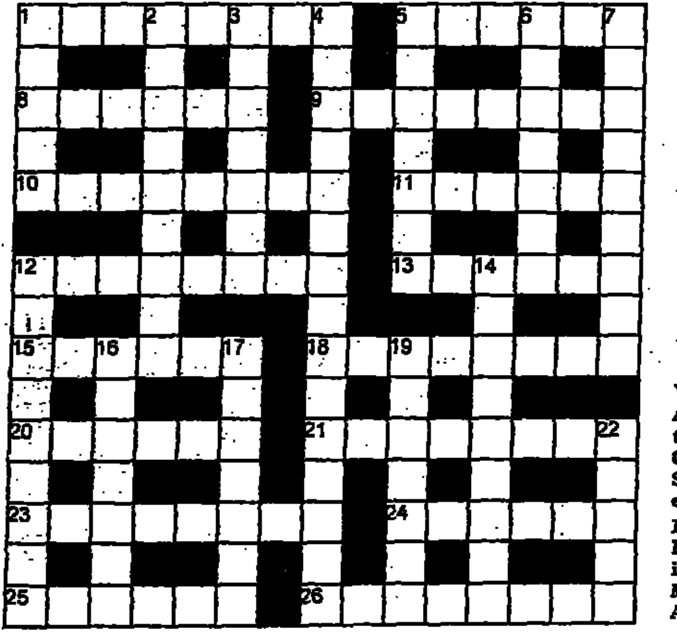
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Applaud another part of meaningless nonsense (8)
5 No gentleman in the CIA can make a loud chirpy sound (6)
8 Wandered but didn't start, having moved at an easy pace (6)
9 In due course this device gives a report (4-4)
10 Asking to exchange some leather (8)
11 To sail out of a mouth-like opening (6)
12 Surgeon noted skeleton (8)
13 Dropped everyone in the marshy ground (6)
15 Quite good covering up? (6)
18 Stubborn old boy expected to surround deserter (8)
20 I do, after party, have a vital urge (6)
21 These troubles can make babies feel down in the mouth (8)
23 Most of the small round particle in single protein (8)
24 One not standing up to an easy catch (6)
25 A form of protection to boot (6)
26 First-rate spinner, Nick (3-5)

DOWN

1 Tribe with force produced by a loud resounding noise (5)
2 A large number hidden by personal assistant found food that was pleasant to taste (9)
3 American Indian in socialist's family (7)
4 Tactless way to test the bathwater (3,4,4,2,2)
5 Succeed or fail (4,3)
6 Not the sort of person to go to a dance?(7)
7 Not well used form of transport? (9)
12 Incidental illustration of what can be found on the front of a car, oddly enough (9)
14 Rather slowly right inside Los Angeles poor quarter (9)
16 Many a catcall's emanating originally from the kitchen (7)
17 Slovenly woman to go round inside quietly (7)
19 Disguise unwelcome facts in masquerade (5,2)
22 The measurement right round (5)



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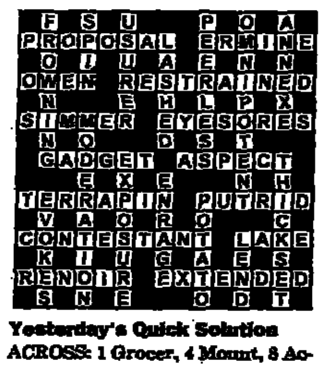
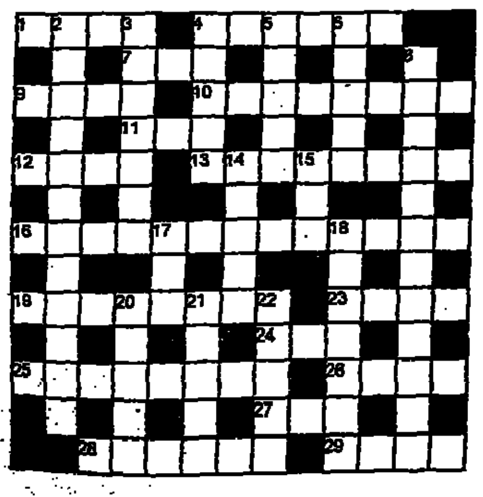


Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Grocer, 4 Mount, 8 Actor, 9 Matador, 10 Emotion, 11 Grin, 12 Gel, 14 Snag, 15 Army, 18 See, 21 Aids, 23 Regular, 25 Severed, 26 Agile, 27 Wilde, 28 Defect.

DOWN: 1 Glared, 2 Outworn, 3 Earnings, 4 Mute, 5 Under, 6 Tiring, 7 Among, 13 Language, 16 Malaise, 17 Warsaw, 19 Erode, 20 Ardent, 22 Devil, 24 Brie.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Exist (4)
4 Lesion (anag.) (6)
7 Tot up (3)
9 Employer (4)
10 Idleness (8)
11 New (prefix) (3)
12 Peak (4)
13 Form of government (8)
16 Footballer (6-7)
19 Meeting (8)
23 Foundation (4)
24 Tree (3)
25 Wearing stays (8)
26 The Wise Men (4)
27 Adam's mate (3)
28 Fatal (6)
29 Christmas (4)

DOWN

2 One after another (2,10)
3 Serious (7)
4 A form of language (5)
5 Country youth (5)
6 More delayed (5)
8 Native language (6-6)
14 Tripe (5)
15 Tune (3)
17 Tup (3)
18 Labourers (7)
20 Come after (5)
21 Female dog (5)
22 Sing in intermittent falsetto (5)

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MOVIES

JERUSALEM

CINEMATHEQUE The Real Blonde 5 • Jungle Fever 7 • The Gingerbread Man 9:30 • Hula 9:45 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • ANTZ 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • Sliding Doors∞A Perfect Murder 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Big Lebowski 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Truman Show 4:45, 7:15, 10; • Small Soldiers 4:45, 7:15, 10 **JERUSALEM THEATER** Washington Square 9:30 • Character *(Dutch, Hebrew subtitles)* 7, 9:30 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Studio 54∞Life is Beautiful∞Next Stop Wonderland 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Ever After∞Holy Man∞There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Snake Eyes 5, 7:30, 9:45 **MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL** ☎ 5700868 The Truman Show 7:15, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 9:30 • Parent Trap 4:45 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 4:45, 7:15 **SMADAR** ☎ 5618168 The Dream Life of Angels 5, 7:30, 10

TEL AVIV

DIZENGOFF Sliding Doors 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 • Washington Square 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 • Character *(Dutch, Hebrew subtitles)* 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 **GAT** ☎6967888 Life is Beautiful 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **GLOBUS** ☎6081130/1 Small Soldiers 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30 • The Negotiator 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Fri. 9:45, 12:30 a.m. • ANTZ 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • A Perfect Murder 10 • The Big Lebowski∞The Gingerbread Man 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 6, 9:30 • The Borrowers 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 • Paulie 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 **G.G. HOD 1–4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. The Truman Show∞The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30, 10 • A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 **LEV** ☎5288288 I Went Down 2:15, 10 • A Price Above Rubies 11:15 a.m., 2, 7:30 • Hana-Bi 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 5, 7:30, 10 • The Dream Life of Angels 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7:30, 9:45 • Sweet Hereafter 9:45 • Night Train 5, 7:30 • Superboy 11:30 a.m., 5 **LEV AVIV** ☎6417148 The Dream Life of Angels∞Hana-Bi 5, 7:30, 10 • I Went Down 10 • A Polish Bride∞A Price Above Rubies 5, 7:30 • Sweet Hereafter 10 • Nights of Cabiria 7:30, 10 • Superboy 5 **LIMOR** ☎6968084 Shall We Dance 5 • Armageddon 9:45 • The Horse Whisperer 7 **G.G. PE'ER** ☎5442141 The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • Palestine Circus 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 **RAV-CHEN** ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Circle Studio 54 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Ever After 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Holy Man∞Wrongfully Accused 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Snake Eyes∞Halloween: H20 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102674 Opera House Next Stop Wonderland∞Tango 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Il Ciclone 5, 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Henry Fool 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** Claire Dolan 5, 8, 10

HAIFA

CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎8325755 King of Masks 7:15, 9:15 • The Apple 7:15, 9:15 • A Perfect Murder 9:15 **CINEMATHEQUE** The Star Maker 6 • I Hired A Contract Killer 9:30 • The Rocky Horror Picture Show 11 ☎8383424 **MORIAH** ☎8242477 Washington Square Fri. 10:15; Sat. 7:15, 9:30; Sun-Wed. 7:15, 9:30 **ORI** ☎8500056 Small Soldiers 4:45, 7:15 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • ANTZ∞The Truman Show 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Big Lebowski∞Sliding Doors 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • **PANORAMA** ☎8382020 Small Soldiers 11 a.m., 4:30, 7 • The Negotiator∞Character*(Dutch, Hebrew subtitles)* F4:30, 7:15, 9:30 • Sliding Doors 9:30 **RAV-CHEN** ☎8500055 Studio 54 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Holy Man∞There's Something About Mary 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Halloween: H20 5, 7:15, 9:30 • 6 Days 7 Nights 5, 7:15, 9:30 **RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ 8674311 The X-Files 7, 9:30 • Snake Eyes 7:15, 9:30 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416898 Studio 54∞Snake Eyes 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Ever After 4:30, 7, 9:30 Holy Man 4:30, 7, 9:30 • There's Something About Mary 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Life Is Beautiful 4:45, 7, 9:30 • 6 Days 7 Nights 7:15, 9:30 • Wrongfully Accused 5 **RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ 8246553 Ever After 4:45, 7, 9:30 • Life Is Beautiful 4:45, 7, 9:30 • Next Stop Wonderland 5, 7:15, 9:30

AFULA

RAV CHEN Holy Man 7, 9:15 • There's Something About Mary 7, 9:30 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:15

ARAD

STAR ☎9950904 Ever After∞There's Something About Mary 7:30, 9:45 • Saving Private Ryan 9:15 • Wrongfully Accused 7:30

ARIEL

Big Hit 6, 9

ASHDOD

G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 Small Soldiers 5, 7:15 • ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • The Truman Show∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 9:30 **ORI** ☎8568073 Out of Sight∞The Gingerbread Man 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎8661120 Ever After∞Holy Man∞There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Studio 54∞Life is Beautiful∞Snake Eyes 5, 7:30, 9:45

ASHKELON

G.G. GIL ☎ 6729977 The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • Small Soldiers 5, 7:15 • The Truman Show∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 9:30 • The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎6711221 Studio 54 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Ever After 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Holy Man 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45

BAT YAM

RAV CHEN ☎5531077 Studio 54 Fri. 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Small Soldiers 5, 7:30 • Ever After∞There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Negotiator 4:15, 7, 9:45 • ANTZ 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Holy Man 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Snake Eyes 9:45

BEERSHEBA

G.G. ORI ☎6103111 The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Small Soldiers 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30 • ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show 10 **RAV-NEGEV 1-4** ☎6235278 Ever After∞Holy Man 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Life Is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:4

EILAT

EILAT CINEMA Ever After∞There's Something About Mary 7:30, 10 • Holy Man 7:30, 10 **GIL** ☎6340182 Small Soldiers 5, 7:30 • ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Truman Show 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30

HADERA

LEV ☎6343555 Ever After 5, 7:30, 10 • Holy Man 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 10

HERZLIYA

COLONY ☎6902666 Next Stop Wonderland 6, 8, 10 • Life Is Beautiful 5:30, 7:30, 10 **DANIEL** ☎ 9544044 The Dream Life of Angels 7:30, 10 • Pippi Longstocking *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 **STAR** ☎ 9589068 Studio 54 7:30, 10 • ANTZ∞There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 10 • Wrongfully Accused 5

HOD HASHARON

GIL ☎ 7408591 Ever After 5, 7:30, 10 • Small Soldiers 7:30 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors 10

HOLON

GLOBUS Small Soldiers 5 • Ever After∞Holy Man∞ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 10 • Life Is Beautiful 7:30, 10 **STAR** Ever After∞There's Something About Mary 7:30, 10 • Snake Eyes 7:30, 10

KARMIEL

CINEMA ☎9882521 Holy Man∞There's Something About Mary 7, 9:30 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:15

KFAR SAVA

G.G. GIL ☎7677370 Studio 54 5, 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • Small Soldiers 5, 7:30 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • There's Something About Mary∞ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • Holy Man 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show 10

KIRYAT BIALIK

G.G. GIL ☎8779877 Small Soldiers 7, 9:30 • The Truman Show 7, 9:30 • ANTZ 7, 9:30 • Wrongfully Accused 7, 9:30 • Saving Private Ryan 7, 9:30 • Sliding Doors 7, 9:30 • Snake Eyes 7, 9:30 • Best Man∞The Negotiator 7, 9:30

KIRYAT MALACHI

Lost In Space 8

KIRYAT SHMONA **G.G. GIL** ☎6905080 Ever After 4:30, 7, 9:30 • There's Something About Mary 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Big Lebowski 4:30, 7, 9:30

NAHARIYA

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OR AKIVA

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OR YEHUDA

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STAR ☎ 9793834 Snake Eyes∞Halloween H:20 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10

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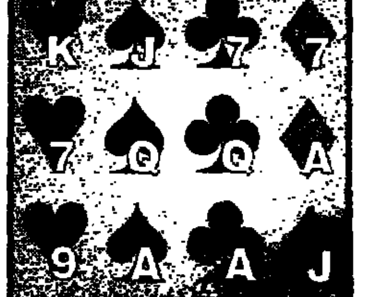

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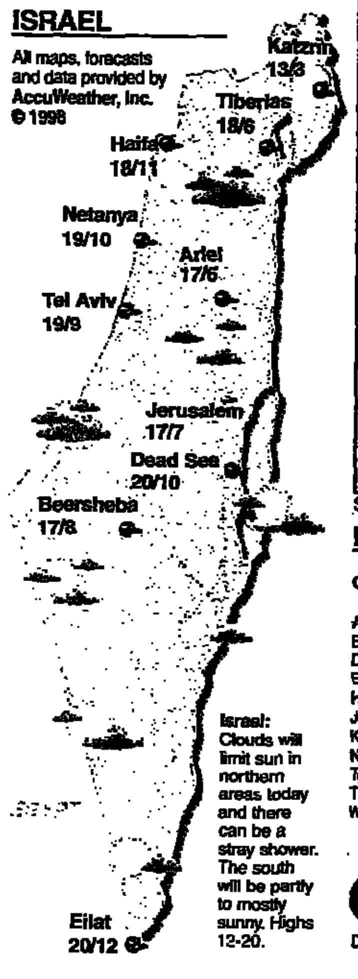
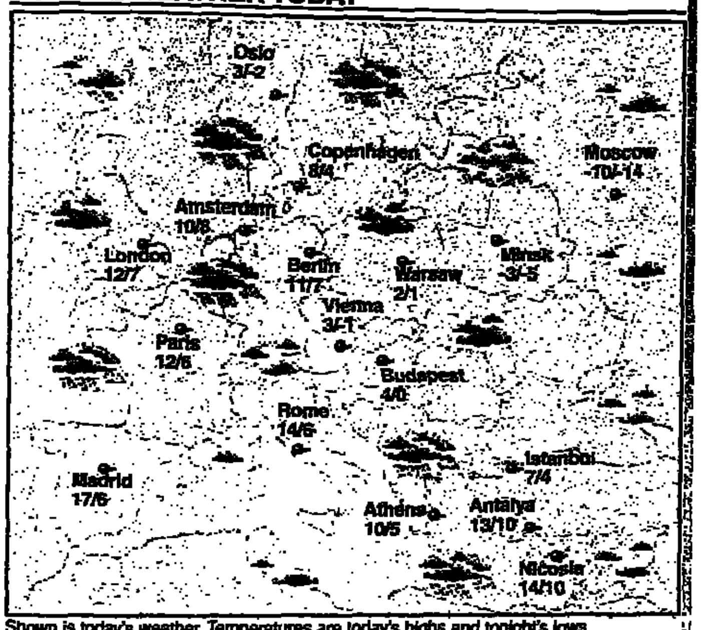


Israel: Clouds will limit sun in northern areas today and there can be a stray shower. The south will be partly to mostly sunny. Highs 12-20.

EUROPE WEATHER TODAY



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

ISRAEL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Wednesday High C/F	Wednesday Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/W C/F
Ariel	17/62	6/43/s	15/59	4/39/pc	15/59	4/39/pc	17/62	6/43/pc
Beersheba	17/62	8/46/s	16/61	6/43/pc	16/61	4/39/pc	18/64	6/43/pc
Dead Sea	20/68	10/50/s	18/64	10/50/pc	16/61	8/46/pc	18/64	8/46/pc
Eilat	20/68	12/53/s	18/64	10/50/s	16/61	8/46/pc	18/64	10/50/pc
Haifa	18/64	11/52/pc	17/62	9/48/sh	17/62	8/46/pc	19/66	10/50/pc
Jerusalem	17/62	7/44/s	15/59	5/41/pc	15/59	5/41/pc	17/62	5/41/pc
Katzrin	13/55	3/37/pc	12/53	1/34/sh	11/52	-1/31/pc	12/53	1/34/pc
Netanya	19/66	10/50/pc	17/62	8/46/pc	17/62	6/43/pc	19/66	10/50/pc
Tel Aviv	19/66	9/48/pc	18/64	7/44/pc	17/62	7/44/pc	19/66	10/50/pc
Tiberias	18/64	6/43/pc	18/64	4/39/sh	16/61	4/39/pc	18/64	6/43/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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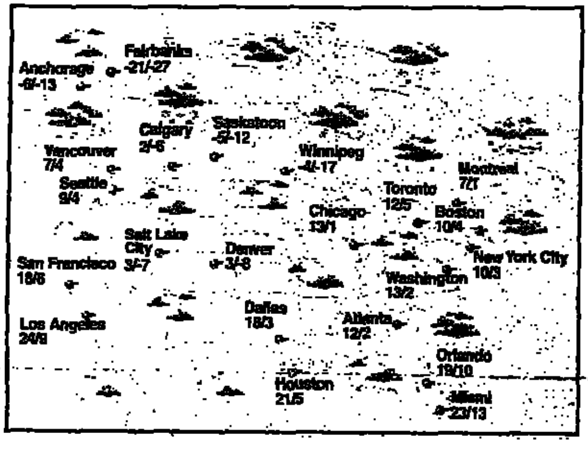
Dec 19	Dec 26	Jan 2	Jan 9

INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Wednesday High C/F	Wednesday Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F
Amsterdam	10/50	8/46/r	10/50	9/48/c	15/59	8/46/s
Beijing	8/46	-3/27/s	8/46	3/37/s	12/53	3/37/pc
Berlin	11/52	7/44/sh	7/44	4/39/pc	12/53	9/48/s
Brussels	12/53	8/46/sh	11/52	10/50/c	15/59	9/48/s
Cairo	18/64	11/52/pc	16/61	6/43/s	15/59	6/43/pc
Chicago	13/55	1/34/pc	6/43	-2/29/c	3/37	-1/31/c
Frankfurt	9/48	6/43/sh	7/44	3/37/pc	12/53	9/48/s
Hong Kong	17/62	17/62/r	19/66	18/64/r	23/73	19/66/pc
Johannesburg	28/82	18/64/pc	27/80	18/64/pc	29/84	17/62/pc
London	12/53	7/44/r	14/57	12/53/c	16/61	7/44/s
Los Angeles	24/75	9/48/s	24/75	10/50/s	27/80	14/57/s
Madrid	17/62	6/43/s	16/61	6/43/s	14/57	4/39/pc
Mexico City	18/64	4/39/pc	18/64	6/43/sh	17/62	4/39/pc
Montreal	7/44	1/34/pc	6/43	-9/16/pc	-4/25	-13/9/sn
Moscow	-10/15	-14/7/c	-1/31	-3/27/c	-2/29	-8/18/sn
New York	10/50	3/37/s	11/52	3/37/pc	7/44	-2/29/pc
Paris	12/53	6/43/pc	9/48	8/46/pc	13/55	7/44/pc
Prague	8/46	6/43/sh	7/44	2/35/pc	10/50	7/44/s
Rio de Janeiro	32/89	25/77/pc	29/84	24/75/sh	29/84	24/75/sh
Rome	14/57	6/43/pc	16/61	8/46/pc	17/62	10/50/pc
Sydney	22/71	18/64/r	21/70	19/66/r	27/80	21/70/s
Tokyo	16/61	8/46/pc	13/55	9/48/s	14/57	9/48/pc
Toronto	12/53	5/41/s	6/43	-6/22/pc	-3/27	-9/16/pc
Vienna	3/37	-1/31/pc	9/48	3/37/pc	10/50	8/46/s
Warsaw	2/35	1/34/sh	6/43	0/32/c	7/44	6/43/s
Washington	13/55	2/35/s	13/55	2/35/sh	9/48	-1/31/sh
Zurich	9/48	7/44/pc	8/46	6/43/pc	12/53	8/46/s

NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY



England face Ashes defeat

ADELAIDE (Reuters) – England's dream of winning back the Ashes was shattered yesterday as its frontline batsmen struggled on an Adelaide Oval minefield.

England were 122 for four in their second innings at stumps on the fourth day, leaving them another 321 runs to win after Australia earlier set them an improbable victory target of 443 by declaring their second innings closed at 278 for five.

A defeat for England would put Australia two-nil up in the five-Test series, ensuring a drawn series at worst and allowing the home side to retain the Ashes for the sixth consecutive time. England have not held the Ashes since 1989.

Mark Ramprakash on 43 not out and Nasser Hussain, out for 41 just before stumps, were again defiant, batting through all but 10 minutes of the last session for 89 runs.

Ramprakash was lifted up the order above struggling captain Alec Stewart, who scored a duck in the first innings and had scored 41 runs in his five Test innings on this tour. Stewart had yet to score at the close.

But all the English batsmen struggled to cope with leg-spinner Stuart MacGill's grenades on a crumbling pitch, as well as deliveries from paceman Glen McGrath that shot through at shin height.

Off-spinner Colin Miller grabbed two quick wickets at the death, snaring Dean Headley and Hussain with balls that surprisingly kept straight.

MacGill repeatedly beat the batsmen with leg breaks that jagged out of the bowlers' foot marks and slammed high into wicketkeeper Ian Healy's gloves, at times appearing to turn the ball too far to take the edge.

England suffered two early setbacks when openers Michael Atherton and Mark Butcher were dismissed within an hour.

***UNHAPPY* – England captain Alec Stewart hangs his head as his team suffer against Australia during the third Test.** (Reuters)

Atherton, the rock on which so many English rear-guard actions have built, fell for five runs when off-spinner Colin Miller surprised him with a delivery that caught the shoulder of his bat and flew to Mark Waugh at silly point.

Australia declared half an hour after lunch after sprinting past an accurate but less than threatening England attack.

Opener Michael Slater burst out of the blocks, thumping Darren Gough's first two balls to the boundary.

He then carved his way to 103, his 10th Test century, his fifth against the English and his second of the series.

His innings included one extraordinary cover drive that ended with him down on both knees in the praying position.

Slater said his latest innings was particularly satisfying, as he started with some apprehension before growing in confidence.

"If you're on fire and you're scoring easily from the first ball you face, then it just happens but when you have to go through a few tough periods it makes it a bit more satisfying."

First innings failure Mark Waugh, who was a shattered man in scratching to seven on Friday after being booed onto the pitch, appeared to rediscover his usually graceful form in the second innings and was 51 not out at the declaration.

Waugh has been at the center of the book-making scandal that has shocked the cricketing world over the past week.

His second walk to the middle raised only muted jeers and he was cheered from the ground at the declaration.

Pakistan-Zimbabwe

The weather-hit second cricket Test between Pakistan and Zimbabwe was abandoned as a draw after mist and fog prevented any play on the fifth and final day yesterday.

Umpires Darrel Hair of Australia and Mian Aslam inspected the ground several times during the day before finally calling off play on their sixth inspection.

Australia, 1st innings 391.
England, 1st innings 227
Australia, 2nd innings
Overnight 150 for one
Mark Taylor lbw b Such 29
Michael Slater lbw b Gough 103
Justin Langer c sub b Such 52
Mark Waugh not out 51
Steve Waugh c Hick b Headley 7
Ricky Ponting b Gough 10
Ian Healy not out 7
Extras (12lb, 1w, 6nb) 19
TOTAL: 278 for five declared
Fall of wickets: 54, 188, 216, 230, 268.
Bowling: Darren Gough 22-2-78-2, Alan Mullally 16-6-18-0, Dean Headley 18-1-78-2 (6nb), Peter Such 29-5-66-2 (1w), Mark Ramprakash 12-1-27-0, Graeme Hick 1-0-1-0.
Batting time: 403 minutes. Overs: 98
England, 2nd innings
Mark Butcher c Healy b Fleming 19
Mike Atherton c Mark Waugh b Miller 5
Nasser Hussain lbw b Miller 41
Mark Ramprakash not out 43
Dean Headley c Mark Waugh b Miller 2
Alec Stewart not out 0
Extras (3b, 4lb, 5nb) 12
TOTAL: 122 for four
Fall of wickets: 27, 31, 120, 122.
Bowling: Glenn McGrath 10-0-22-0 (4nb), Damien Fleming 14-2-40-1 (1nb), Colin Miller 13-1-36-3, Stuart MacGill 12-4-14-0, Steve Waugh 2-1-3-0.
Batting time: 192 minutes. Overs: 51

NBA players back on court – for charity

LOS ANGELES (AP) – There were NBA players like Kenny Anderson, Chris Mills and Eddie Jones. There was a clock, referees, slam dunks, fancy passes and best of all, fans.

But this was no NBA game.

Sunday's action at Pauley Pavilion on the UCLA campus was for fun and to raise money for the Chris Mills Foundation.

About 2,000 fans – a mix of families with young children, teenagers and older folks who probably couldn't afford NBA ticket prices – shelled out $10 and $25 to watch the locked out pros put on a show.

"It was just for the fans," said Anderson of the Boston Celtics.

"This was not a structured game, so you really don't get too much accomplished. It's really for the cause and that's a plus," he added.

How unlike an NBA game was it? Cedric Ceballos of the Dallas Mavericks chatted on a cell phone from the bench during the game. Several players wore diamond stud earrings (no jewelry allowed in pro games), smiled at impressive plays and waved at fans in the middle of the action.

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